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Town Meetings wrap

Woodstock picks up PACE, drops Tri-town

By ALISON ALOISIO

By more than a 2-to-1 margin, Woodstock voters Monday voted to switch their ambulance service from Tri-Town Rescue to PACE of Norway.

Residents at the annual Town Meeting also voted out an incumbent school director in favor of a new one, and voted narrowly to change the way some town officials are nominated.

Ambulance

The debate over an ambulance service was lengthy and, at times, emotional.

Tri-Town, based in West Paris, has provided service for 26 years. The current annual cost to the town was approximately \$16,000.

But personnel and trustee issues in recent times prompted worries among selectmen and some residents about the stability of the service. Since then, Tri-Town has hired a new director, and the

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G'wood opts to shift Town Meeting to May

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Greenwood Town Meeting voters declined Saturday to push out the date for that annual event until some unspecified date in June, but late May, they agreed, would be fine.

The June date had been suggested by the Board of Selectmen, in order to better mesh with the town's recently adopted July 1-June 30 fiscal year.

No one in the audience of 80 or so voters questioned

the wisdom of changing the date, or bemoaned the end of the long-standing tradition of holding the annual Town Meeting in March.

But voters did find the selectmen's recommendation ("A day in the month of June") both vague and likely to lead to conflicts with other traditional June occasions, such as graduations, Father's Day, and weddings.

After brief discussion they

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Gilead sticks with the traditional March date

By ALISON ALOISIO

Gilead voters Saturday voted out incumbent selectman Mark Wigley in favor of a newcomer, and narrowly defeated a proposal by selectmen to move future annual Town Meetings to June.

In a large voter turnout for the annual Town Meeting, challenger Fran Head defeated Wigley 46-29.

He had served on the board for five years.

Longtime incumbent Tax Collector Bev Corriveau was

also challenged for her seat, by Cynthia Handlen. But Corriveau won easily, 66-16.

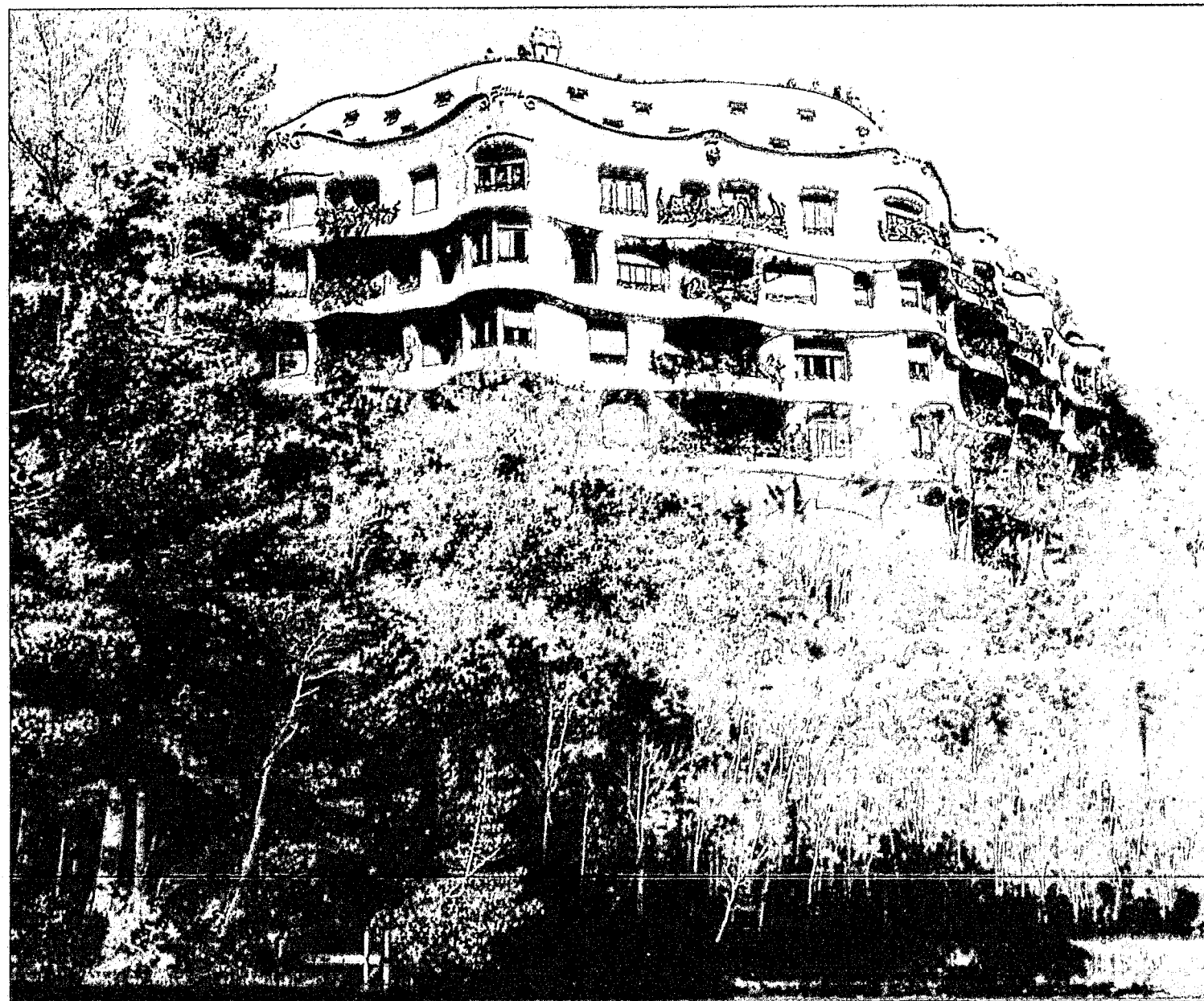
Other incumbents were returned to office unopposed, including Town Clerk/Treasurer Lin Chapman, Highway Commissioner Fred Corriveau and School Committee member Becky Morin.

Election of officers took place at the beginning of the meeting, and some voters left at the conclusion of that portion.

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Opening this fall:

'La Pedrera' [The Quarry] condominiums at Bucks Ledge



BECOMING ONE WITH THE LANDSCAPE—The architecture of La Pedrera has been praised for "seamlessly blending classic elements of traditional urban and resort condominium design." (Artist's rendering)

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As Woodstock voters lined up at Monday's annual Town Meeting to cast their ballots, they were treated to a colorful display of quilts created by Althea Hathaway's quilting class at the Whitman Memorial Library. The Town Meeting drew about 90 people. More photos, pages 9-10.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

SAD44 facing far deeper than expected cuts in state funding, due in part to valuation

By ALISON ALOISIO

SAD44 will lose at least \$681,532 of its state school funding for FY10, according to preliminary figures released last week by the Department of Education.

As of press time Wednesday, the exact amount of the cut was still uncertain. Supt. Dave Murphy said it is unclear

whether the figure provided includes a penalty of \$185,689 for the district's failure to consolidate with SAU37.

In either case, the cut is much larger than the approximately \$120,000 (plus the penalty) SAD44 had anticipated.

SAD44's overall annual budget is approximately \$10.3 million.

Last year, the district received \$2,468,286 in state aid. Using the preliminary number for next year, SAD44 would receive \$1,786,755.

But there's another complication: \$289,398 of it is federal stimulus money, which has restrictions on it. The funds, Murphy said, are to be directed toward projects rather than

personnel.

Starting over

The district's Finance Committee had been doing preliminary work on the FY10 budget, but will have to start over again, Murphy said.

"We're unplugging everything we've done so far on the

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The stony visage of Bucks Ledge, unchanged since the retreat of the Laurentide Ice Sheet more than 10,000 years ago, is about to get a facelift.

"We're going for serious vertical. We see this as the new frontier in hillside and ridge-line development," Skeet Snopes told a rapt luncheon audience Wednesday at the Bethel Inn.

Snopes is director of development for Atlanta-based Kudzu Properties, a mega-developer generally regarded as the dominant national player in upscale, upslope housing.

He provided a brief overview of his firm's up-from-the-Okefenokee history, its numerous "firsts" in its field, and he stressed Kudzu's "total commitment to protecting the unique and special qualities of the ... excuse me ... oh, yes, the Bethel area."

A taste of Old Europe

Snopes took no personal credit for Kudzu's most recent initiative, touted as the first of its kind in North America.

(Americans of Anasazi or Hopi blood might beg to differ.)

Kudos for that, he said, he-longed entirely to Giselle Gaudi (yes, great-granddaughter, but we'll get to that later), an architect in Kudzu's Boston

design subsidiary. Stoss and Lee.

With that, he turned the podium over to Gaudi herself, an imposing woman "of a certain age" and

tastefully muted euro flash.

Gaudi modestly downplayed her brainchild. "Yes, it did spring, Athena-like, fully formed from my own head," she said, "and probably does qualify as a 'Eureka Moment.' But I truly believe I was merely a vessel channeling another's revelation."

She explained. "It was the slag end of a Friday afternoon in January, and a friend from the office and I were driving up for a weekend at Sunday River."

"We love to escape to this beautiful, semi-unspoiled part

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Letters

A SOLID TEAM IN ANDOVER

To the Editor:

Traditions have an important role to play in all that we do; this is especially true when it comes to small-town operations.

In Maine traditionally town officials such as town clerk/tax collector and treasurer are kept in place until they retire or move on for other personal reasons. This is a good, sound practice as these two positions are key to the operation of the town.

In Andover we have three key individuals, the third person not to be forgotten is the secretary to the select board, who combined with above-mentioned people make for a very solid team that holds the town business together when we have changes in the select board.

The road commissioner is also by tradition kept in place until such time as the individuals decide to leave; this also contributes to a smoother town operation.

That being said, Congratulations to the residents of Andover for recognizing the importance of tradition! Let's give ourselves a round of applause.

Ronald Wells
Andover

NEED TO PLAY BY THE RULES

To the Editor:

At the town meeting in Gilead March 28, 2009, I objected to an action taken by our newly-elected selectperson, Fran Head. This is what happened:

On Article 12 in the Town Report, it reads: "To see what salary the town will vote to pay the various officers for the ensuing year" and listed officials and their pay.

Fran Head made a motion to create a new position, Deputy to the Administrator, and that we should pay this person \$1,500 a year.

I objected and stated that we cannot amend the articles in the Town Report at this meeting or rewrite the article. Mrs. Head assured everyone that we could in fact do this.

The moderator, Paul Handlen, turned to our newly-elected state Rep. Jarrod Crockett and asked him if we could amend articles in the Town Report at this meeting.

He also said that we could amend the articles in the Town Report at the town meeting.

A vote was taken and it passed.

The law from Maine Moderators Manual Fifth Edition, 1989, Maine Moderators Manual, Rules of Procedure (revised 1980) from the Maine Municipal Association reads: "There is a special rule that applies to amendments when the sum of money to be appropriated appears in the actual working of the article."

The rule here is that the amount stipulated in the article cannot be increased. It may only be adopted as is or a reduced amount.

Another special rule applies to ordinance enactment or amendment articles. The working required by 30-A MRSA section 3002 for such articles calls for a "Yes" or "No" vote on the ordinance as posted with the warrant. No amendment should be accepted from the floor.

It is the responsibility of our elected officials to read the manuals that inform them of their responsibilities and the guideline that they must stay within, let along the laws of the state that they took an oath to protect.

If our public officials don't know the law, they should at least call the many organizations like the Maine Municipal Association to make sure they are not just stating what they think is the law, but I am sure it is much easier to interpret the law the way that suits whatever agenda they are trying to push through, legal or not. This kind of action should worry every American citizen.

Darlene Corriveau-Levesque
Gilead

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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La Pedrera

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of the world," Gaudi said, "but to be honest, that Friday we were dragging up foul psychic sludge from the fetid swamps of Back Bay."

"Both of us had spent most of the week enduring those brain-numbing (you know, you've been there) 'we-have-to-think-out-of-the-box' corporate meetings, groping for creative ways to deal with what has become the 800-pound gorilla in our industry's closet: the disappearance of buildable uphill acreage."

"Take your own turf, western Maine," she told the audience.

"Even if all the silly land-use regulations can be dodged, our economic models still predict total build-out by 2025."

Casps all around.

"You see why Kudzu was in crisis mode, and if the suits were all wetting themselves (Sorry, Skeet), it's been worse with our bankers."

"They (at least the ones that haven't already cashed their bonuses and left the country) are quivering in their vaults. It's been impossible to line up funding for new projects — not to start in 2021, but to start right now."

"And Post-Madoff, of course, we all know what happens when the new money stops pouring in."

"Anyway, back to the ride up."

"I had driven most of the way, but at that last Burger-Burger on the turnpike we swapped off. Philippe took over and I napped for a while (best way for a sensitive mind to deal with the cacophony of vernacular Route 26 architecture)."

"I woke when we pulled into Hungry Hollow (mandatory stop) to pick up the weekend's supply of chocolate-chip cookies."

"We headed on, I nibbled, stared blankly out the window, drifting into a sugar-glazed fugue state."

"But savoring, in the recesses of my mind, an ever-nearer vision of the loveliest scenic on the entire trip — the view across North Pond toward to Bucks Ledge."

"As we approached North Pond, Philippe slowed so I could savor the treat but no Bucks Ledge!"

"That scatter of little mid-den-pile islands was still there, but no ledge."

"Instead, I found myself looking across the water at 'La Pedrera' [The Quarry], Great-grandfather Antoni Gaudi's landmark Art Nouveau apartment building in Barcelona, the capital of his native Catalonia."

"I flashed — realizing in a heartbeat what I was seeing. The vision in front of me was a message, transmitted across time."

"Bisabuelo Toni was showing me how to solve our problem."

"In hindsight the answer was so obvious," Gaudi said. "All this time it has been hiding in plain sight, smirking down at us from the granite face of every truncated drumlin north of Boston."

"And," she told the building professionals in the audience, "because of the way the glaciers moved in northern New England those rocky ledges almost always face more or less south — and you guys all know what 'southern exposure' means in terms of pricing your units."

Gaudi sat, to rousing applause, and Snopes concluded the presentation.

"Hard to believe," he told the audience, "but this gets even better. The northern exposures behind the ledges, where the rock was scoured smooth, rather than fractured off?"

"Perfect for low-to-middle-income units, giving us the socio-economic numbers we need to qualify for HUD stimulus funding."

"That means we don't even need the banker on board."

Even louder applause.

"And construction costs will not be as high as you might think," he said.

"The interior living spaces of the units will have to be carved from the granite, and even today that remains a 19th-century jack-hammer-

"A trivial technical flaw to be sure, but it provides enough leverage for us to threaten to tie the Trust up for years in very expensive litigation. And for that kind of thing, our pockets are far deeper than theirs."

"When we approached their Board with this bit of real-estate realpolitik (and a very generous purchase tender) they did the only thing their fiduciary obligations allow. They graciously caved."

A Trust spokesman contacted later by The Citizen refused to comment, other than to say sigh: "You ever try dealing with these people, Scoop? You have heard, I'm sure, the expression: 'An offer we couldn't refuse'? Then use your imagination."

Say 'Amen Rah,' Brother

But another member of Thursday's audience pointed out that even in northern New England there weren't near enough ledges to support a long-term, sustainable build out.

Snopes readily agreed. "Our econometrics guys say this buys us five to 10 years max," he said.

"So Big Picture? Whatever

'fresh woods and pastures new' we find now to exploit, at some point soon we (and that includes all you folks in the audience) will inevitably be forced to turn our gaze inward, to become, if you will, self-consum-ingrecyclers of our own creations."

"In the case of the Bethel area," he said, "some time not too far in the future, we'll need to sit down and begin a serious community/stakeholders dialogue about the bottom-line potential of converting, say, a limited number of your ski trails."

"Picture this: White Heat, filled top to bottom with a three-quarter-of-a-mile-long cascade of terraced garden condominiums."

"As Giselle pointed out to us, the perfect design paradigm has existed for four millennia: Middle Eastern ziggurats."

"Ziggurat" (slant-rhyme with 'Barracat') — doesn't a word like that just cry out for up-market branding?

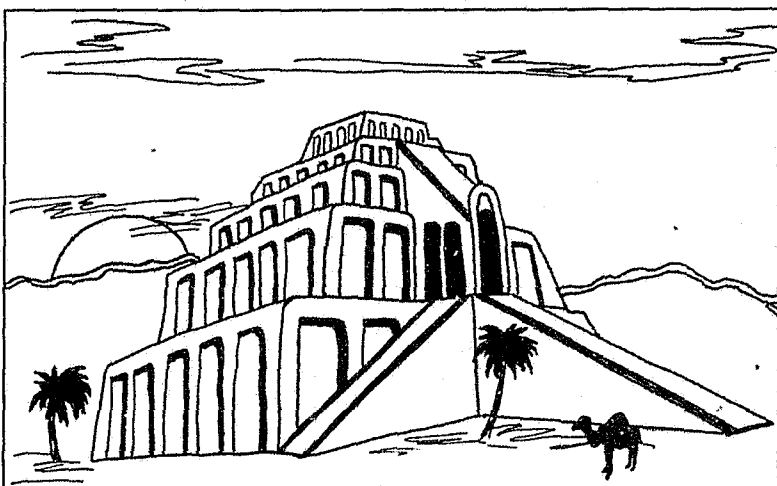
"The Ziggurat at White Heat — the longest, steepest, widest lift-served slab of condoleum this side of Mesopotamia."

"Chondola-serviced as well (at least when the wind isn't stirring)."

"Of an evening, owners and their guests, masters of this universe, will step out, martinis in hand, onto their private terraces, to be greeted by the sweeping spectacle of Nature's ever-changing panorama."

"OK, so it won't be the Nile Valley, Fertile Crescent, or even Jordan Bowl."

"And I admit it's a stretch," Snopes said, "but maybe, just maybe, given enough time, even the sight of White Cap Lodge and Powder Ridge could (like we chant at our Kudzu rallies) 'come to grow on you.'"



A TOUCH OF THE WHITE NILE FOR WHITE HEAT? A Middle Eastern style ziggurat has been proposed as the ideal design paradigm for converting Sunday River's White Heat Trail, top to bottom, to condominiums. They would be marketed as: "The Ziggurat at White Heat — the longest, steepest, widest lift-served slab of condoleum this side of Mesopotamia."

and-dynamite process.

"But with 3-D geotomography, our rock guys will know just where to blast in order to take advantage of natural fracture plains, cleavages and other structural characteristics of the bedrock."

"The extracted tailings can then be ground up and incorporated into aggregate for the cast-stone façades and balconies."

"In that sense we are putting back what we are taking out, which should help keep the Green Weenies off our backs."

Scattered hoots of appreciation, but one member of the audience saw a deal breaker.

"Brilliant idea, sure, but for somewhere else — Bucks Ledge is locked up in permanent protective trust."

"Permanent?" Snopes asked incredulously. "You seriously believe anything in real estate is 'permanent'?"

"If you do, see me after the meeting — I've got a mule to sell you."

"In fact," he told the audience, "we expect to close on the property early next week."

"These trusts are fine and dandy, and make nice people feel nicer," he explained, "but we're dealing with land here, and if you go back far enough in any land records, you can always find some kind of title flaw."

"Our lawyers are Jedis of that game. In this case it took one of their eager interns no time to Lex-Nex up just what we needed."



"... CAN SPRING BE FAR BEHIND?"

(Photo: M. Daniels)

Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: A log truck overturned on Route 2 in Rumford Point, its load smashed in the front of Donat Parent's home and moved it off its foundation.

The Newry Mothers' Club sponsored an Easter Egg Hunt behind the Newry Town Office.

Sue Farrar's Reader's Theater group presented comedy skits and poems for the students at Crescent Park School.

Birth: Matthew Charles Bennett.

20 years ago: Thirty-two intrepid racers took part in the annual "Pole, Paddle and Paw" race organized by Sunday River Cross Country Ski Center.

The Newry Board of Selectmen appointed a Growth Advisory Committee to work on developing a new comprehensive plan for the town.

Members of the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce traveled to Boston to represent the area at the First Annual Outdoor and Adventure Travel Show.

Births: Lauren Elizabeth Conroy, Meghan Laura-Lee Wardwell.

30 years ago: A large wood fuel silo was lifted intact onto the roof of P. H. Chadbourne & Co.'s new steam plant. The heavy-duty framework was specially engineered to support the silo using steel from a former Oxford Paper Co. building.

Christian G. Robiller of Cub Scout Pack 566 won the Snowshoe District's Pine-wood Derby Championship. Telstar's Drama Club presented "Childhood" at the Western Regional Drama Festival in Bath.

Death: Miss Lottie Mae Carter.

40 years ago: Miss Linda Carver was crowned queen of Telstar Regional High School's first annual winter carnival.

William Koen of the Telstar faculty spoke on "Metacraft" at a meeting of the Oxford County Mineral and Gem Club.

Bethel Brownie Troop 675 and their leader Mrs. Smith held a mothers' tea.

Births: Michael Gordon Garey, Debra Jeanne Sullivan, James Jesse Tuttle, Jr., Dennis Edward Gallant.

Deaths: Mrs. Dora F. Richardson, Henry N. Lapham, Hugh S. Farnum.

50 years ago: Sno-Engineering had completed its survey of Barker Mountain for Sunday River Skiway and was preparing final specifications for the lift.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Clark observed their 60th anniversary at the home of their son, Freeland W. Clark, Broad Street.

Sp.4 Norman Davis, who had been stationed in Korea for a year, received his discharge and returned home.

Births: David Wayne Kopeck, Robin Eugenia Snyder, David Mathieu.

Deaths: Mrs. Olive A. Douglass, Oscar H. Gould, Fred W. Tyler.

60 years ago: A trained bloodhound was purchased by Albert Grover, deputy sheriff, and Roderick McMillin.

The two-year-old hound, known as Sleuth, was available for the assistance of searching parties.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bailey returned to Bethel after spending some time in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stack opened a flower shop in the space recently occupied by Larry's Army and Navy Surplus Store.

70 years ago: Mrs. Marjorie H. Standish of the Central Maine Power Co. was conducting a cooking school in Odeon Hall.

An oak floor was laid in the quarters of the fire department in the upper Corporation building.

Death: Mrs. Eliza E. Barry.

100 years ago: Bethel's county tax was listed as \$1,512.23.

A social dance was held at Bell's Hall in West Bethel.

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State aid

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budget," he said.

The large cut in aid is primarily the result of the area's increase in property valuation, relative to the rest of the state. Pupil enrollment data is also a factor.

SAD44 valuations have on average gone up 16 percent, compared to a statewide average of 9 percent, Murphy said.

SAD44's student population figures have dropped 3 percent during the same period.

Penalty

In January, SAD44 voted to consolidate with Union 37 (Rangeley). But Union 37 turned it down.

Under the current law, both systems will incur a financial penalty for the outcome of the vote.

The Legislature is considering exempting districts that voted "yes" from the penalty, Murphy said.

But, he said, the district must, at least for now, build its budget assuming there will be a penalty.

The Finance Committee will meet this week to begin work with the new numbers, once they are confirmed.

The School Board is expected to discuss what direction to take in building the budget at its next meeting April 13.

"We'll either have to find as much of it as we can in the budget and eliminate it, or pass a portion of it on to the taxpayers," Murphy said.

"We're well aware of the economic challenges people face."

Greenwood

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opted to have the meetings held instead on the last Saturday before Memorial Day Weekend.

Selectmen's budget OK'd

The date matter was the only question on which voters did not follow the warrant recommendations of their Board of Selectmen.

"They approved an overall budget of \$1,380,909, to cover the 18-month budget cycle between Jan. 1 of this year and June 31, 2010. (The one-time, 18-month budget was needed to accommodate the fiscal year change.)

The budget approved Saturday is up \$334,240 from the \$1,046,669 figure approved for last year's (12-month) budget.

There were 18 spending articles on the 38-article warrant, and on each of those articles the town Budget Committee also recommended an amount.

Voters back Fire Dept.

On all but three of those articles, the two boards were in agreement.

On the three where the two boards recommended differing amounts, voters opted overwhelmingly to accept the selectmen's recommendation.

All three articles involved the Greenwood Fire Department.

The selectmen recommended that voters approve a department budget of \$83,850; the Budget Committee recommended \$75,000.

Much of the difference was made up of training funds, including training on a new rescue boat and "jaws of life." (Both of which were purchased with funds raised privately by the Firemen's Association, not town tax money.)

Selectman Arnold Jordan, elected at last year's Town Meeting, is that board's newest member. He said his first year has "been an education in how much training a firefighter has to have before they can participate."

"When you cut your budget down and don't allow training," he argued, "you are really hurting the Fire Department."

Selectman Fred Henderson seconded that.

"Fire protection is our more serious service," he told the

meeting, "and training is the most serious part of that."

"What the Budget Committee is recommending is to cut back on the training, and that is entirely wrong," Henderson said.

Voters apparently agreed. When it came time to raise their hands, only four stood with the Budget Committee.

In two subsequent votes, they also agreed (and by a similar margin) with the selectmen's recommendation that \$20,000 to be set aside for capital improvements be put into the Fire Department Reserve/Savings account, rather than the town's general Capital Improvement Account.

Tri-Town funded

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee both recommended that \$32,240 be allocated for the Community Safety Budget, with \$15,040 of that earmarked for the beleaguered Tri-Town Rescue Service (see Woodstock Town Meeting story).

There was 20 minutes of discussion on the matter, and an amendment to remove the Tri-Town allocation from the budget line, but ultimately voters apparently agreed with the sentiments of Ann Holt, who said she had called the Tri-Town several times for assistance with aging family members.

Holt said the situations in which she called Tri-Town "were sometimes very difficult," but she said, I found them [Tri-Town] to be very caring and efficient."

Resident Dwight Mills, speaking of his own experiences agreed.

He described Tri-Town as "wonderful, fast and wonderful."

The Community Safety Budget, with the Tri-Town allocation intact, passed overwhelmingly.

Elections

There were three nominations Saturday in the election to fill the seat of Selectman Loretta Mikols, who did not seeking re-election. Amy Chapman prevailed, defeating Brian Dunham (chairman of the Budget Committee) and Shawn Huston, 45-31-6.

Stacy Samboss, running unopposed, was elected to the SAD44 Board of Directors.

MERRILL HILL ESTATES THE ULTIMATE BACK YARD



You can make sure your back yard is big enough. Merrill Hill Estates is now offering a limited number of mountainside homesites with slope and Mahoosuc vistas and building sites with plenty of room to roam. Roads have been thoughtfully designed to blend with terrain and create a private enclave on each gem named street. We offer you happy days, restful nights and memory making moments in your home with underground utilities and fiber optics along with protective covenants to enhance your mountain experiences and insure privacy. Escape from the hectic pace of everyday life. Find peace and pleasure in a gated neighborhood committed to the preservation of nature with world-class amenities at every turn. Join a few neighbors atop breathtaking Merrill Hill

in a 460 acre park like setting. By building your home in such a magnificent place you will be creating a boundless legacy for you and your family. If you are ready to jump start this procedure contact our Preferred Builder, Mountain Homes of the West to make your custom interior finishes on their exceptional home on Morganite Way. This home is scheduled to be completed in the spring and is listed with Sally Harkins at Mahoosuc Realty who sold the lot.

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Briefly

Newry Condo rejection appeal

PARIS—A plan to redevelop a Newry bed and breakfast into condo units has been appealed to Oxford County Superior Court after it was rejected by town committees. Jon Trudo and Leo Menard of Newry Redevelopment LLC of Saco are hoping to convert the former Black Bear Bed and Breakfast into a four-unit condominium. Two other 3,300-square-foot, four-unit condominiums would be built on the 5-acre parcel at 829 Sunday River Road. The project would be done in three phases and would cost \$1.7 million. The Planning Board denied a permit for the project in December. Newry Development stated in the appeal that the matter was brought before the town's Board of Appeals shortly after the denial. The company said dimensional standards set in the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance don't apply to the proposed development. It also made a request that the board alternately grant a variance to allow the conversion of the inn. The Board of Appeals denied both the appeal and the variance last month. Newry Redevelopment argued that the decision was "not supported by substantial evidence" and that the board did not file findings of fact in the matter. It asks that the decision be vacated and sent back to the Board of Appeals with instructions to grant one of its two requests.

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Woodstock

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trustee representation has changed. The service argues it is getting back on track.

But concerns remained, prompting selectmen to include an article to choose an ambulance service for the future.

Tom Hartford, a member of the Woodstock Fire Department said that several years ago, "I saw Tri-Town as a very valuable asset to us. The problem is in the last three years I've seen an organizational climate change."

"The individuals are good," he said. "But somehow they get together as an organization and I don't feel good about it."

"I've worked with companies that failed. That's my job. I've heard people say if we don't use Tri-Town, they may not be around in a year or two. Tri-Town is a business — a non-profit, but a business. It's not my job as a community to keep them in business. It's their job to give me the service and the timeliest response that I need. It's me who's the customer, not them."

Hartford, a member of the Fire Department, said that when plans were made for a controlled burn of a house, Tri-Town was asked to stand by in case any firefighters had health problems.

Tri-Town declined, Hartford said, but PACE participated.

"It made a lot of difference to me going into a fire," said Hartford.

Others expressed concern that Tri-Town does not always have the highest level of trained responder, a paramedic, available.

They also worried that the personnel on call at the Tri-Town station sometimes must wait for an ambulance driver to come from his home to the station before responding.

One resident said that when it comes to his family, "I want the highest trained person possible showing up at my door for help ... I don't want to worry about a driver. I don't want to worry about who's trained."

PACE staffs paramedics around the clock and responds immediately.

But when the nearest truck is in Norway, the travel distance and time is longer.

Jason Ross, a 10-year veteran paramedic with Tri-Town, was asked to speak.

He said there have been personnel difficulties, but "moving steadily forward is where we're at, at this point."

He acknowledged that internal issues had kept the service from participating in some training programs. "But we're trying to re-establish those connections," he said.

Read Dickinson, who said Tri-Town had provided him prompt and caring service on two medical calls, said Woodstock should stay with the service.

Bob Hand, the director of PACE, was also asked to speak.

He said PACE, which is associated with Stephens Memorial Hospital, would provide service at no charge to the town. Patients only would be billed.

One resident wondered if PACE might in the future start charging the town. He worried that if the town chose PACE, "we'll lose our avenue to go back."

Hand said PACE intended to keep the service free "forever," but could not rule out a change if something "catastrophic" happened.

Truck in Bryant Pond

A PACE truck has been based at the Woodstock Fire Station during the day for several months, Hand said, and if PACE became the primary service, that arrangement would continue.

At night, the ambulance would likely respond from Norway.

Hand said PACE has provided backup or primary service for Tri-Town for about 70 percent of calls.

After 35 minutes of debate, the vote was taken. PACE was easily approved, 61-25.

New SAD44 director

In the election of officials, Cheryl Morgan unseated incumbent SAD44 director Phil Korhonen 40-26.

Korhonen had served nine years. Morgan said she had served on the School Board in the past for 10 years, and has been a school volunteer for the past 20.

Incumbent selectman Rick Young and incumbent library

trustee Stacey Millett were returned to office unopposed.

Nomination format changed

By a margin of one vote, residents adopted a new procedure for nominating candidates for selectman and SAD44 director.

Instead of the traditional nominations from the floor at town meeting, candidates will in the future take out nomination papers and collect at least 25 signatures, submitting them to the town office at least 45 days before town meeting.

The voting procedure — writing the names on a paper ballot — will remain the same, but "write-in" candidates may still be nominated from the floor.

Former selectman Steve Bies, a proponent of the plan, said it would give voters a chance to find out about a candidate before the nomination from the floor.

Others said the change would particularly help residents who had not lived in town long enough to be familiar with people.

Marcel Polak used the evening's vote for school director as an example.

"Tonight we voted on a school director. I didn't know until you did who was running. That's a \$10 million budget."

But others wanted to preserve tradition.

"I look up there and see the quality of the candidates we have," said another resident. "It's probably a hundred, a hundred and fifty years we've been nominating from the floor without all this paperwork, and I think we ought to continue that."

The vote by a show of hands was 33 in favor, 32 opposed.

A request later to reconsider the question with a secret ballot failed to garner enough votes.

English translations

Voters rejected, at least for now, a proposal to require anyone requesting town documents or conversations be translated into another language to pay for it.

Asked how often such requests happen, Town Manager Vern Maxfield replied, "It hasn't."

But Hank Forman, who re-

quested the article, said that based on experiences in larger communities, a request for translation is only a matter of time — and will cost Woodstock a lot of money.

Forman said anyone can request documents be translated into any language.

"The concern I have is that someone walks in the door tonight, and is a resident, and says 'this meeting has to be translated into Chinese.' The meeting is shut down. We'll have to do it," said Forman.

"Sooner or later it's going to be forced on us," he said. "All it takes is one person."

When that happens, he said, "it's too late."

Forman said his father, of Czech heritage, came to the U.S. with the expectation he would have to learn English, and others did, also. If they did not learn the language, he said, they brought someone with them who did.

"I want to protect the rights of the majority," said Forman. Maxfield said Forman had proposed an article last year making English Woodstock's official language, but town lawyers said such a move might create liability issues.

The wording was changed for this year, said Maxfield.

But legal concerns persisted at Monday's meeting.

At the request of those present, state Rep. Jarrod Crockett, a lawyer, spoke. He suggested the town put off the question until the Maine Municipal Association could be consulted.

The article was rejected, 45-23.

Money articles approved

Money articles were approved, with a reduction of approximately \$12,000 that would have gone to Tri-Town for the remainder of the year.

Solid waste costs declined to \$106,000, down \$10,000 from last year. The figure was not available when the town report was published.

Maxfield said the estimated mil rate would be 12.71, up slightly from 12.65.

(PACE update: Maxfield said Wednesday the town had planned for PACE to take over service April 1, but Maine Ambulance Services requires a 30-day notice of transfer to be published in local newspapers.)

Gilead

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tion of the warrant.

Town meeting to remain in March

By a vote of 26-23, residents turned down the selectmen's proposal to move future annual town meetings to June.

A related article, to change the current calendar fiscal year to July 1-June 30, was also defeated. The vote was again close, 17-15.

Voters also rejected changing the tax billing cycle to a semi-annual one, a move related to the fiscal year choice.

Two weeks before Saturday's meeting, selectmen had mailed letters to residents outlining their proposals and rationale.

The municipal budget building, they argued, would line up better with the school budget (students are tuitioned to SAD44, which is on a July 1 year).

In addition, tax bills would go out near the beginning of the fiscal year instead of the end, improving cash flow and eliminating the need to borrow through tax anticipation notes.

But on Saturday, former selectman Fernand Corriveau argued in favor of tradition.

"The only identity Gilead still has left is having town meeting in March," he said.

Other comments on the three articles were also brief.

Money articles

The money articles on the warrant were approved.

On an article listing proposed salaries for town officials, Head offered an amend-

ment, to add \$1,500 to the administrative assistant's salary account. The extra funds would provide the means to hire and train a deputy assistant, who could also serve as a backup person, she said.

Bev Corriveau serves as the town's administrative assistant.

The article drew a procedural discussion, with some questioning if a dollar amount contained in the body of the article could be increased.

The salary was listed with those of other town positions in the article.

Moderator Paul Handlen said he believed a public hearing and a special town meeting would be required, so that residents would know of the proposal before the meeting.

Head initially withdrew her amendment. But some asked to hear from state Rep. Jarrod Crockett, who is also a lawyer, on the question.

Crockett said the allocation on the salary line could be increased. But if voters wished to add a new line to the list, "you have to put everybody on notice of all the articles," he said.

Head then offered the amendment again. It was approved, as was the amended article.

With the \$1,500 addition, the municipal appropriation totals \$272,936. Last year's figure was \$265,530.

Business on the 34-article warrant was concluded in just under two hours.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

A poet, T.S. Eliot I think, once said "April is the cruellest month." Anyone who has had to shell out his or her hard-earned money to the IRS would agree with that.

Nothing can be a bigger downer than to anticipate a tax refund only to find that your income and deductions are not compatible and Uncle Sam wants more. There's no question that paying the IRS more than what's already been taken out of your paycheck is cruel.

But I don't think that Eliot, or whoever said it, was referring to income tax when lamenting on the cruelty of April.

I think it has a lot more to do with the teasing warmth of the spring sun and the remaining chill of winter's grip. It is that time of the year when a 60-degree day can plummet to a 20-degree night and an April shower can turn into a late-season snowstorm.

Poor man's fertilizer or not, snow in April is darn right cruel. So don't put your snow shovel and winter boots away just yet because if you do it is bound to snow.

Another thing you shouldn't do in April is to say "We made it through the winter and the furnace didn't break down." I know this from personal experience. The "We

made it" was no sooner out of my mouth when I realized how cold it was in the house. An adjustment to the thermostat was useless, the reset button failed to yield results too. Only the expensive surgical skills of my furnace repairman could bring that monster back to life.

Ice cream stands are like crocuses, they open up no matter what Mother Nature might be doing ...

On top of that I think that oil-addicted drunk in my cellar communicated with the washing machine that it was time to play an April Fool's joke on me. With several loads of laundry in waiting the agitator stopped agitating, which truly agitated me.

It did seem pretty cruel to me to have two household necessities fall apart at the same time and even crueler to spend money that wasn't budgeted. However, the furnace and washing machine are just things of convenience and they were fixable.

I might have been a little more depressed over my misfortune and dwindling bank account, but I discovered one of the brighter things about April. My favorite ice cream stand is now open for the season! The first hot fudge sundae of spring can go a long way in helping you forget the hardships of winter.

Ice cream stands are like crocuses, they open up no matter what Mother Nature might be doing and they give you hope of the warmer days to come.

Though I don't have any crocuses or ice cream in my flower garden it is no longer covered with snow and the Bleeding Hearts are trying to work their way up through the cold soil. Those early rustlings in the garden are another bright side of April.

So too is the return of the Red Sox to Fenway Park. When the boys of summer take to the field our hopes for another pennant win will soar, at least for a while.

Broken appliances, temperamental furnaces and the potential for a late season snowstorm aside, I really don't think April is the cruellest month. And, even if it is the way I see it, April is only 30 days long and then come May... my absolute favorite month of the year.

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61 It may be square
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79 TV's "You — Your Life"
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100 Brad, for one
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132 List ender
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137 Depend (on)
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12 Nursery item
13 Edgar — Poe
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15 Cabbage cousin
16 Author Umberto
17 Flat hat
19 Imp's opposite
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29 Superstar
33 Buck's "The — Earth"
34 Actress Sommer
35 Canine TV personality?
37 — Pines, MO
39 Justice Fortas
40 Toy fate
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43 Wayland Flowers puppet
44 A hole near the sole
46 Author Sheehy
48 Great bird?
49 Cotton —
50 Computer acronym
51 — Kippur
57 Ring figure
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60 Correct a text
62 Pat on the buns?
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68 Adams or McClurg
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Super Crossword "Dog Daze"

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From the Bethel Police Log:

Tuesday, March 31

At 2 p.m. Officer Jack Taylor took a report of a laptop computer stolen from a student Feb. 17. The serial number was 94KXBBI.

Sunday, March 29

At 1:10 a.m. Officer Jeff Campbell warned and then arrested Casey C. Flagg, 30, of Bethel for disorderly conduct on Mason Street.

Friday, March 27

At 7:45 p.m. Lt. S.R. White assisted a state trooper with an OUI stop and arrest at the intersection of the Sunday River Road and Route 2.

At 9:46 p.m. Officer Jeff Campbell and Lt. S.R. White responded to Main Street for a report of a domestic assault. James E. Suarez, 30, of Yarmouth was arrested for domestic violence assault.

Thursday, March 26

At 11:21 p.m. Officer Jeff Campbell arrested Patrick T. Feeney, 41, of Quincy, Mass. for OUI on the Sunday River Road.

Wednesday, March 25

At 4:39 p.m. Officer George Gould responded to Route 5 for a report of a four-wheeler and a dirt bike traveling in the roadway and disrupting traffic. There was no contact.

Tuesday, March 24

At 9:08 a.m. Chief Alan Carr received a report from a local store clerk that she had seen a photo of a man on TV for passing bad checks, and that he had paid for merchandise in her store the day before with a check. She was advised to contact BPD again if the check proved to be bad.

At 10:06 a.m. Chief Alan Carr took a report of telephone harassment.

At 3:15 p.m. Chief Alan Carr took a request for a no trespass order to be placed on a subject.

At 9:01 p.m. Officer George Gould responded to Route 232 for a report of a domestic dispute. The subjects were advised to settle their differences, and they agreed.

Oxford County Jail:

(Bethel region)

March 29, 2:33 a.m.: Chad J. Bishop, 34, of Andover, DV assault; by Trooper Jason Wing in Andover.

March 29, 2:32 a.m.: Casey C. Flagg, 30, of Bethel, disorderly conduct; by BPD Officer Jeff Campbell in Bethel.

March 28, 10:54 p.m.: Keith L. Adlard Jr., 49, of Casco, OUI, by Deputy George Cayer in Newry.

March 29, 1:51 a.m.: Zachary M. Gallant, 20, of Woodstock, violation of bail conditions; in Woodstock.

March Tally of BPD Activity

Calls for service (assaults, domestic incidents, animal complaints, etc.): 134

Arrests: 21

Warnings: 10

Citations (speeding tickets and other moving violations): 37

Motor vehicle defect stops/warnings: 12

Patrol checks: 2

West Bethel



by Lorrie Hoeh

Spring is definitely in the air, in spite of plenty of snow still in the woods and fields. The logging project has ended in the national forest, the road has only a few icy spots left, and those are mostly slush. Jake and I have been able to walk as far as the schoolhouse with no problems, not even needing cleats on my shoes.

Visitors at the feeders have become more varied, to include juncos, goldfinches, tree sparrows, and song sparrows, in addition to the usual chickadees, nuthatches, and woodpeckers. Mike has been seeing flocks of robins up and down the Flat Road, probably those who are on their way farther north. Turkeys show up from time to time, as well. We have seen no signs of deer or moose for several weeks.

I'm sorry to report that Linda Westleigh lost her brother, Henry Curtis, on March 18. He died unexpectedly of pneumonia at the age of 58. Our sincere condolences go to Linda and her family on their especially painful loss. They will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Last week I gave you the first installment of our trip to Ecuador. Now for our visits to the rain forest and the Amazon basin.

Eduardo drove us through high, craggy mountains, down through cloud forest, and finally to the plain and then to

the rain forest and Arasha Resort. After a sumptuous lunch, we met our local guide, Mateo, and made chocolate! The cacao beans had been sun-dried earlier, so our first step was to roast them. Then we hulled them and ground them up to a powder, cooked and stirred with a little water; added sugar and vanilla. Finally, we dipped apple pieces into the resulting sauce. Delicious!

Later Mateo led us on a nature walk to Negrito Beach, a swimming hole above a man-made waterfall. There were lots of little fish in the beautiful blue-green water. We also saw a pond that was populated with tilapia. Mike later caught and released one, which he said looked like a cross between a small-mouth bass and a yellow perch.

Another nature walk next morning yielded many bird sightings, as well as identification of exotic fruits, trees, and flowers. Finally, we walked to a homestead where we watched and/or participated in extracting sugar cane juice. The people had a home-made press which crushed the cane. The young niece of the owner gathered a few fresh lemons which were squeezed into the cane juice, and we all had a taste. It was "delicioso!"

The next phase of our adventure involved a drive of about five hours from Quito to La Punta on the Napo River. It was a spectacular ride to the east over the Andes, down a valley, then over the Guacamayos Mountains - a separate range from the Andes. We traveled through several ecological zones and temperature levels. Upon reaching the riv-

er, we boarded a long, narrow, dugout canoe and motored down river to La Casa del Suizo, our home for the next four days.

The village is Ahuanto, and we walked "downtown" from La Casa to meet a native potter at work. She hand-built bowls from the local brown clay, then fired them in a wood fire, and finally decorated them with plant dyes and buffed them with a stone. We also watched a local woodcarver doing his thing. He carved amazing parrots and other birds and animals out of balsa wood. His wife was painting a blue and yellow parrot while he worked on his carving. Meanwhile, their two little daughters were painting miniature toucan carvings.

That evening before dinner we watched bats swooping over the swimming pool in search of insects. That could explain why we saw so few mosquitoes during our stay. We were all drugged up against malaria and yellow fever, but I got at most two bites in two weeks. I'll leave our experiences on the river and in the jungle for next week, as this is getting kind of long.

Before closing, I do want to

mention that I know a real hero. Read Dickinson, one of my compatriots in Senior Players, was recently given the Gift to Life Real Heroes Award by the United Valley American Red Cross. Read has donated blood platelets 483 times. He donates 24 times a year, undergoing a process of one to two hours each time. He got started on giving platelets when he learned in 1974 of his father's diagnosis of Hodgkin's disease. It's estimated that his gifts have had a life-saving effect on more than 1,000 people. Hearty congratulations to you, Read, for your generosity of spirit and body. You are, indeed, a hero.

Don't forget to contact me with your news and views: dhoeh@megalink.net; 836-3011.

Gilead



by Lin Chapman

Last Sunday was a lovely rainy day. The rain was taking the snow away

and the puddle at the end of



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the driveway was getting bigger.

My brother, Steve McLain, arrived at the house a little bit early Saturday to help set up for the Gilead Historical Society meeting.

If anyone sees Bill Broomhall on Sunday, April 5, be sure to wish him a Happy Birthday. Happy Birthday, Bill.

Gilead Historical Society
The GHS held the first meeting of 2009 at the Town Office on March 28. There were 13 members present and one guest, who is very much interested in helping out with Friends and Family Day. Friends and Family Day will be held on Saturday, June 20. This is an all-day event centered around the Town Hall. There will be a parade, a clown, some children's games, music, historical displays, raffles, food by the Gilead Fire Department, baked goods and a skillet toss.

The next meeting will be held on May 16. The members of the GHS will meet at noon and have lunch and a short meeting. After lunch, the group will begin the cleanup of the corner lot. Lunch will be provided for anyone who would like to lend a hand with the cleanup. The Gilead Schoolhouse Project is moving right along, so the lot needs to be ready for the arrival of the building.

Gilead Town Meeting
It was nice to see a large number of 80 voters turn out for town meeting to raise and appropriate \$272,936.04 (not including the school budget). Although several left after the officers were voted in, quite a few stayed to ask questions regarding the budget. Paul Handlen served as moderator. Officers elected for three-year terms were: Linsley Chapman, town clerk and treasurer; Beverley Corriveau, tax collector; Becky Morin, School Board member; Fred Corriveau, highway commissioner; and Fran Head, selectperson. At the end of the meeting Paul Handlen thanked Mark Wigley for serving five years as a selectman.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Upton



by Laurie Brown

The definition in my dictionary for "evolution" is: "a theory that the various

types of animals and plants have their origin in other pre-existing types and that the distinguishable differences are due to modifications in successive generations." Obviously my dictionary is old because it uses the word "theory." Anyway, here's my ponderable: if we are here because we "evolved" why aren't we continuing to evolve? Humans have been pretty much the same for centuries. Are we so perfect the way we are that there's no way, if we continued to "evolve" that we'd become smarter, stronger, or healthier?

Did you see the shuttle last week? It was awesome, extremely bright and wicked fast.

Joe Bernier drove the two hours from his work on Friday to attend the Planning Board meeting. He and Bob Brown watched about 12 deer feeding in the field behind the office, swapped stories about work and family stuff, and drank coffee until 7:45. There was no discussion concerning planning board business, no votes, no persons requesting a permit because there was no quorum. Joe left at 4 a.m. Saturday to go back to work.

The next planning board meeting is set for April 24 at the town office.

Congratulations to Jenn Aldrich! She has been awarded the 2009 Principal's Award and is the Class 2009 Salutatorian. Nice going, Jenn.

The snowmobile trails are too slushy — typical spring conditions — for good snowmobiling, but the 4-wheelers are doing just fine on them.

I set myself up on e-mail at Penny's. Hopefully it'll make it easier for you to contact me with news — lauriebrown400@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

Remember to come to the Ladies Aid Building on April 4

and find some goodies to take home with you! We have two refrigerators and a stove that might be good for a camp.

Bring your friends and remind your neighbors about the sunrise service and breakfast on Easter Sunday. We'll be serving bacon, sausage, eggs, juice, coffee, and homemade donuts and muffins.

The Upton Grange was incorporated Aug. 18, 1911. They had a mortgage on the hall with Edward G. Warren, which was paid off on Sept. 1, 1922.

Town meetings were held at the Grange Hall (and supper was served) until 1969.

From 1970 to 1973, town meetings were held at the Ladies Aid Building. From 1974 to the present, town meetings have been held at the schoolhouse.

According to an entry in my grandmother's diary, in 1965 the robins had returned on March 7. Penny told me they arrived at her house last Sunday, March 29.

Have an awesome week. See lah-

Newry



by Sylvia Harrington

Regular fishing starts on April 1 according to Doug

Webster of the BRTD. He has lots of gear for this favorite sport and he said this is not an April Fool's joke.

On Saturday, Sandee and Leon Dunn took some young folks on a snowmobile ride through Grafton Notch. There were nine in all and they enjoyed a hot dog cookout while in there. What a great warmer day to do so!

The trucks that go across the Bear River on the bridge across from the Newry Church are exceedingly noisy from dawn till nightfall. It seems so peaceful on Sunday when they take a day off.

The recent rain is taking the snow with it, of course, making it a bit icy for those who have to be out early on their way to work.

On Sunday I received a call from friends from Portsmouth,



REAL HEROES—Two local men were among those recognized last week at the annual United Valley American Red Cross Real Heroes awards in Lewiston. Spencer Couture of Hanover was one of four men who received the Life-Saving Award for rescuing a snowmobiler from the Androscoggin River in January. He is pictured rear left in top left photo with front, Richard Bonnell, Matthew Roy; and, back right, Thaddeus Bennett. The men pulled the snowmobiler to safety using a rope. Top right, W.K. Read Dickinson of Woodstock received the Gift of Life award for donating blood platelets 483 times over the past 25 years, helping more than 1,000 cancer patients. Dickinson began donating blood in 1963, then began donating platelets after his father was diagnosed with Hodgkins Disease. He has a goal of 500 donations, but does not plan to stop there. A member of the Bethel Rotary Club, Dickinson is pictured with his wife, Leigh.

(Couture photo: R. Dillingham/SunJournal)

N.H., who had been at Sunday River for a couple of days. The reason for Jeanette and Bob Dunfee's visit was to attend a birthday party for her uncle from Roxbury held in Andover Saturday evening. We met at Subway for coffee and a lengthy visit. I hadn't seen them for a couple of years, so we had lots of catching up to do. When they left it was with an invitation to spend a night with them on my way home from a visit I plan this summer to Susan and Fran Kilduff's of Salisbury, Mass., which is very close to their home.

I talked with Ed Powers at the Bear River Trading Post on Sunday. He said snowmobiling is over, unless one travels further north. Still call Leon or Ed with any questions or with regard to the Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club trails. Leon Dunn can be reached at 824-335 and Ed Powers at 1-207-739-9628 for information.

Licenses and registrations for snowmobile and ATVs are available at the BRTD as well as applications for membership in the local WVSC.

This past week there were blue jay feathers in two places, one over the deck rail and the other next to the woodshed ramp. I have not seen any hawks, but by the looks

of the many feathers they may have been eaten where they were slain. And, no, it could not have been Spooky the cat, as I do believe these birds are too big for her.

Andover



by Melinda Averill

Hello Andover friends. The town elections are over for another year.

Incumbents Trudy Akers, Sandy Conrad, Elaine Morton, Marshall Meisner, Sid Pew and Keith Smith all remain in their positions. Congratulations to newly-elected fire chief Rob Dixon. Once again there was a large turnout for voting, which is nice.

Get well wishes to Edward and Madeline Littlehale, who have both been dealing with pneumonia. Edward is in the hospital in Norway, Stephens Memorial, and Madeline is at home.

Happy birthday today to Ken Learned, who is still in the hospital in Lewiston after surgery several weeks ago. (Not a nice place to spend your birthday.)

The Middle School at Telstar

is having a Talent Show Friday, April 3. Showtime is 6 p.m. in the auditorium.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt is on Saturday, April 11, starting at 9 a.m. at Mills Market. It is for ages preschool through sixth grade,

Hanover



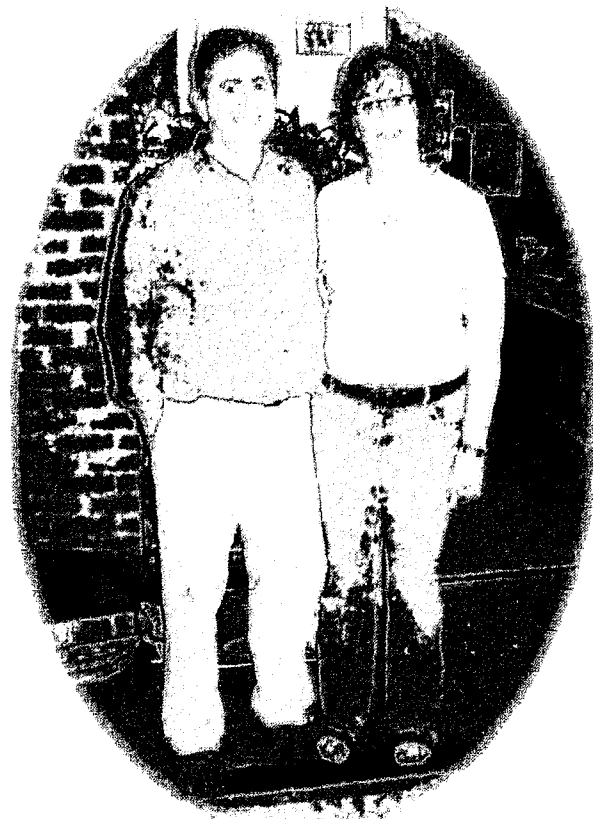
by Clem Worcester

Telephone service for FairPoint Communications customers in the Hanover area failed last week and as of Sunday the company was either unable or unwilling to resolve the situation. Callers could make out-of-town calls but house-to-house calls within the community didn't work well. If anyone calling the Town Office and the phone is unanswered or the recording fails to work the phone is out of order. Other sources for communicating with the Town Office are by fax at 364-8222, e-mail at clerk21hanover@roadrunner.com or by jungle telegraph. Hopefully the situation will soon be resolved.

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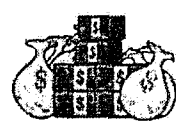


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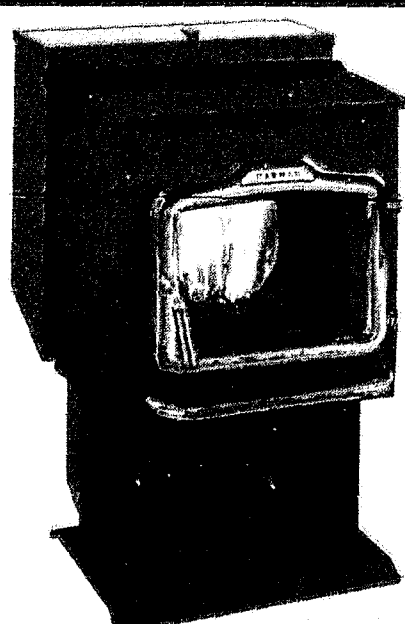


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munity Athletic Association will hold sign-ups at the Hanover Town Office on April 7 and April 14, 6 to 8 p.m. both Tuesdays.

Saturday, April 4, between the hours of 9 and 10 a.m. the Hanover assessors will be in session at the Hanover Town Office to meet with property owners about valuation issues. If you have a question this is the time to meet with the assessors to seek an answer.

The Rumford Grange Number 115 will have a yard sale at the Rumford Center Grange Hall on April 25 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donations of sale items are needed. If you have items to donate call Vicki at 364-2129.

Bill and Gail Worcester traveled to Hooksett, N.H., last weekend. They appeared to be dragging camper trailers around with their truck.

The warmer weather and the rain last Sunday have reduced the snow depths somewhat. Although there are bare spots the snow still mostly prevails. Deer are reported coming out to the bare banking along Route 2, and guessing by the blood on the highway some must have been hit by motor vehicles. Also making their spring entrance are skunks. A few of them have been hit in the road also. Phew! And we have seen porcupines that have died along roadways. Has anyone seen a bear yet?

East Andover



by Joan Stinson-Carney

I guess that last Saturday morning the place to be was at the Andover Fire Station. Pastor Ken Wagstaff blessed the new fire engine, and the passing of the fire chief's badge from Ken Dixon to Rob Dixon made for a very nice ceremony. Congratulations Rob, just think, now you get to boss your father around. Paula Lee took a great many photos of the event and the people who attended. If you would like a copy of your picture, you can see Paula at the beauty salon. Good job, Paula!

I am very happy to be able to congratulate Selectman Trudy Akers, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Elaine Morfon, Treasurer Sandra Conrad, and Road Commissioner Marshall Meisner for being solidly re-elected. There was a good turnout for the voting and I guess the people of Andover have spoken, and spoken wisely, and don't forget, May is just around the corner.

I believe most people who know me know that my favorite holiday is April Fool's Day. By the time you read this, it will be all over. I hope my "gotcha" list is a long one this year. It's getting harder to fool people, because they all wait for my call now.

Andover resident Carole Povelite has written and published a book called "The Journey." My mother is reading it now and really likes it. If you want more info, Carole asks you to give her a call.

Drew Hutchins, son of Paul Hutchins and Jessica Freeman, is heading to Portland on the 3rd, tomorrow, to compete in the Geography Bee State Championship. He is representing Telstar, and if he wins this event, he will be heading to Washington, D.C. Good luck Drew, go get 'em.

I am trying to get over a bout of the flu. I came down with it on Saturday morning, and had to miss the ceremony at the Fire Station, and if my writing doesn't make sense, I'm going to blame that on how I feel right now. I think I'll stop before I make too many errors. See 'ya.

Mason



by Richard Grover

About 4:30 p.m. one afternoon last week, Snuffy jumped up on the deck and started barking. We looked out and saw a rather large moose (no moose is small) standing at the end of our driveway. Just about then, Matt and Boston came driving up the road and Snuffy went down onto the lawn, still barking his "moose bark!" The moose whirled, dashed across the road, jumped the snowbank and fell down. Then it got up, slipped and ran into my eight-foot high garden fence, breaking three fence posts and getting entangled in the farm-style fence wire before extricating himself and trotting into the woods. Snuffy kept barking and followed the moose, returning to our deck after a few minutes.

Last Sunday our West Bethel Church pastor John Williams presented a thought-provoking sermon that included the idea that common people, working together, can sometimes make their own miracles. He pointed out that Jesus recruited common laborers and fishermen to help him in his ministry; no kings, CEO's or religious leaders were found among his apostles! Look who is being enlisted to extricate our nation from the financial morass we are now in; it is the common American taxpayer, not the bank CEO, who is being asked to foot the bailout bills!

While on the subject of our nation's economic woes, I am convinced that the U.S. Congress again failed to perform one of its critical jobs: Insuring that our banking system follows sound financial practices. Further, I find irony in the righteous indignation of congressmen over bonuses paid to executives of failing institutions; how many more of these indignant congressmen have failed to pay their federal income taxes, as former Sen-



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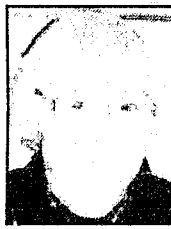
Andover Fire Department firefighters and about 50 citizens Saturday dedicated the town's new pumper truck and honored newly-elected chief Rob Dixon. Top, firefighters with the new truck. Bottom left, retiring Chief Ken Dixon pins the chief's badge on his son, Rob. Right, firefighters ceremonially "push" the new truck into the station. Ken Dixon, who joined the AFD in 1966, served 23 years as chief. He was named 2008 Maine Fire Chief of the Year. Rob Dixon has served with the department for 20 years.

(Photos: A. Aloisio)



ate minority leader Tom Daschle did? How many of them have received large campaign contributions or other perks from some of the same institutions that are now being bailed out?

West Paris



by Joyce Lamb

The calendar states that spring is here, but the weatherman is forgetful and mixes up the few warmer days mostly cold and winter-windy weather.

The snow is fast disappearing. The small fir trees are nearly out of the snow. Looking from my back windows I have been searching for the 10

small pine trees I transplanted a year ago to form a windbreak at the side of the house and behind the shed and barn. They are waiting for the sun to awaken them for another season of growth. I hope they all survived the cold and snow.

On Sunday, April 5, at the West Paris Universalist Church the Rev. Richard Beal will speak on "Environment-Friendly Celebrations." The service is at 9 a.m. followed by a coffee hour. Jim Burke is organist.

On Easter Sunday, April 12, there will be a Sunrise Service at 6 a.m. at the end of Perham Road off High Street in West Paris at the home of Ray and Mary Ann Brown. All are invited. Come and join us as the bright sun comes over the horizon. The 9 a.m. service will be held by the Rev. Richard Beal.

I have been told that my grandson, Caleb Lamb, did a very good job as Master of Ceremonies introducing and questioning the three stock car drivers at the fundraiser supper a week ago. Money was raised to go toward the rebuilding of the Harold Perham ballpark bleachers in West Paris. The old bleachers, about 50 years old, burned down last fall.

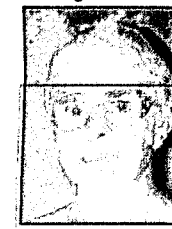
Grandson Kyle Lamb took top honors in Bangor at the state competition "Skills USA" in auto body work. He was the winner at the Oxford Hills High School competition and represented his school at the state level. He is now eligible to enter the National competition representing the state of Maine, which will take place this summer.

These young men are the sons of Kenneth Lamb. Joyce

Lamb is the proud grandmother.

A flock of robins visited next door on my side lawn on Saturday. Muffin watched with interest. She probably wouldn't try to catch them if she were out.

Bryant Pond



by Alice Hoyt

Franklin Grange 124 will hold a meeting on Monday evening, April 6, at 7 p.m. Program will be making centerpieces by Sharon Silver Monday. April 13, the Judith Grover Tent 17 DUV will hold a meeting at the home of Alice Hoyt. Time is 7 p.m.

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Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet Thursday (today), April 2, at the fire station. Meeting starts at 11:30 a.m. followed by dinner at 12 noon, put on by the Daughters of Union Veterans. Program is Connie Tutlis telling of trips her group takes.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., morning worship at 10:30 a.m., evening service at 6. Wednesday evening is prayer meeting at 6:30; Friday evening at 6:30 is youth group. Coming events: April 5 at 5 p.m. is the quarterly business meeting. Wednesday, April 8, "In Remembrance of Me" service. Saturday, April 11 at 10 a.m., V.B.S. planning meeting. Sunday, April 12, Easter Sunrise Service at 7 a.m., followed by breakfast. April 15 to 19 is Mission Conference.

Historical Society

For the April meeting, which is April 11, the potluck supper will be members bringing the makings for Italian sandwiches.

Albany

by Sheila Dyke
Greetings and hello from Albany Township. I'm sorry for missing the column the last few weeks. I get so busy and then miss my

deadlines.

It's nice to see the snow melting away with the warm temps and rain. Of course, with its melting it is revealing the trash, damaged yellow natural gas markers, busted mailboxes, piles of sand on the side of the road — you get the picture. Not very pretty, but obvious signs of spring. It's kind of funny — when we think of spring we think green buds, the first shoots of flowers coming up out of the ground, lawns turning green and the sounds of lawnmowers being tuned up. You never read a poem about the melting brown and white snow revealing a soda bottle.

It's been quiet here these last few weeks (at least, I haven't heard of anything). We hope all is well with everyone and that these hard times are not taking too hard a toll on all.

Best wishes for a happy and safe week. God Bless and Keep.

Waterford



by Rockie Graham
It's April and the toads, slithery or otherwise, should appear soon;

at least we should begin to hear the peepers. For now, it is raining here; no snow for now. We are hoping for the snow piles to disappear overnight. So far, not happening, although they are growing smaller. I hope they will be all gone before our wood arrives. Given that the mud is up, the wood will probably not be here, yet.

By the time you read this, we

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Something Good is a custom delivery service that will deliver restaurant food, groceries and florals from area businesses. Owners Jodi and Tony Leasure have compiled a menu from 12 restaurants and will deliver for \$5 in town (within a five-mile radius) and \$10 within 15 miles (call for longer distances). They will also do grocery shopping and will provide prestocking services at vacation lodging for incoming visitors, as well as serve educational and youth programs. Deliveries are available seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. (other hours available with notice). The Leasures also have plans for a concierge service. The couple has been in the restaurant business for a combined 25 years. Tony and Jodi are pictured here with their children, Wyatt and Curtis. (207-836-2232 or 207-513-9400).



will have received our "new" tractor; the one that will replace the Crispy Bob Cat. It is an Allis Chalmers, and is much bigger than Crispy was. We can't wait for its arrival. This is why we have insurance.

I actually went to an allergist today. He said there is no definitive test for multiple chemical allergy, but that is no doubt what I have.

I am also very allergic to dust mites. But I knew that! Now I can either get shots, which may be too expensive. If I get them every week, the cost to me would be a mere \$1,300. That being the case, I think I will go for the homeopathic and herbal remedies instead. In any case, I can get more tests that will get to the individual allergens, but I may pass that up and go by what I can figure out, especially since I was the one who found

out the cause of my laryngitis. In any case, I say bring those spring allergens on, I can handle them!

Hope all weathered April Fool's Day ok. Now that is gone by, we can get back to the serious business of seeds. David planted some today, and we will plant more the rest of the week. Once the sun comes out, again, they might even begin to grow.

Last Thursday evening Mountain Poets met and had a great meeting. We had two new members and some old ones. We planned Too Cold For the Porch. We are going to do it on April 30. That is the last Thursday in April. Stay tuned for exact times and location. It will be open to anyone who wants to read his or her poetry.

Thursday, the 2nd of April, there will be a book fair from 7 a.m. to noon at the Bridg-

ton Hospital. A percentage of the profits will go to Bridgton Hospital Annual Fund. I hope we can fit that into our busy schedule this Thursday.

In Bethel on Thursday from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Rick Churchill of Newry will give a presentation on his bicycle trip: "400 miles and 40,000 feet by bike." Admission is free and it is at the West Parish Congregational Church on Church Street in Bethel. FMI call P. Gartner at 665-2181 or Seabury Lyon at 836-2576.

April 3 in Norway "Let the Dough Fly" will kickoff the 2009 Norway Arts Festival at the UU Church on Main Street in Norway. \$10 will buy one a pasta meal with music, poetry and face painting. Fun runs from 6 to 8 p.m. and tickets can be found at Books N Things, Norway Memorial Library, L.F. Pike and at the door.

April 4 and 5 is time for Bust

and Burn where the best and worst skiers compete in maybe the worst conditions of the year. Of course, if it snows! Competition begins at 9:30 on the 4th.

On April 5 the Bethel Outing Club will have their end-of-the-season potluck and will show "Down Mountain and Cross Country: 140 years of Skiing in Maine. Fun begins at 5 p.m.

Passover begins next Wednesday, the 8th, at Sundown. Get out the matzoth and enjoy a Seder.

That is all for this week. Have a great week and enjoy the warmer weather.

From

Western Mountains Senior College

You'll have one more chance to take advantage of a Healthy Eating on a Budget evening when Rooster's Roadhouse, 159 Mayville Road, Bethel, has a four-course meal on Wednesday, April 8, beginning at 6 p.m. Take a look at the menu they are offering:

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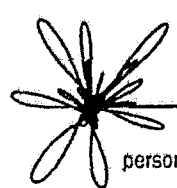
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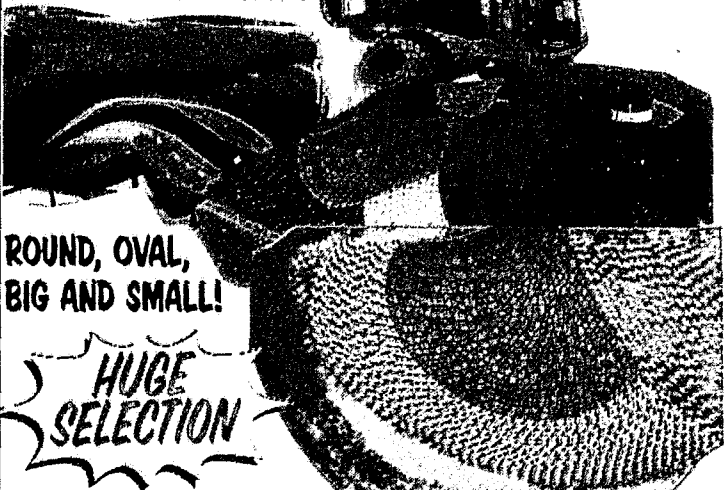
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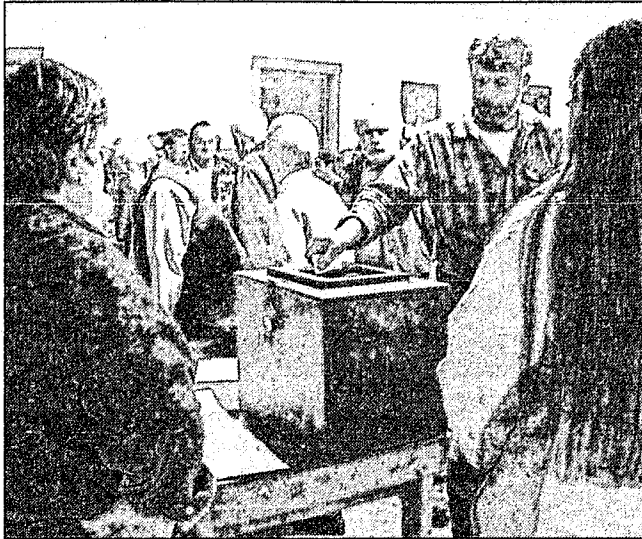
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GILEAD TOWN MEETING
Clockwise, from left: Fran and David Head listen intently to an explanation; 2 1/2-year-old Maja Mulley (left center) watched with interest as the adults raised their cards to vote; then, during a break in the action, she tried it out herself; Andy Boelsma casts his ballot.
(Photos: A. Aloisio)



ing and cooking tips along with copies of recipes all for \$10, plus tax and tip. Seating is still available but you need to call the restaurant by Monday, April 6, to reserve your seat.

Reservations for the last three healthy eating evenings at The Victoria, Sudbury Inn and S. S. Milton are closed. For more information, call R. Tift at 824-2053 or J. Whitman at 824-0347.

Bethel Inn, Millbrook Tavern

Twenty-nine diners enjoyed a healthy eating evening at the Bethel Inn, Millbrook Tavern last Wednesday. Chef Rob Bates prepared a butternut squash bisque, and pan roasted chicken with artichokes and plum tomatoes tossed in wine and served over Angel hair pas-

ta. His three-berry cobbler dessert got rave reviews. Copies of recipes were given to all diners.

Down Home Maine April 2 (tonight)

All biking enthusiasts and those who want to be will enjoy a talk by Dr. Rick Churchill at the Down Home Maine program tonight (Thursday) at the Bethel Congregational Church dining room, Church Street, Bethel, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. The public is invited and admission is free.

Dr. Rick will give a slide presentation of his three-month journey along the Blue Ridge Parkway and show us pictures of some unique and almost extinct flora. He also challenges us to brush up on our identification of plants and we could win a "Rick's Stick."

From Sunday River Christian Ministry

The Sunday River Christian Ministry at Sunday River Ski Resort will be celebrating Easter this year with three new big changes and with many aspects of our Easter service that you've come to enjoy over the years.

Alert 1: We are changing our locale this year to the North Peak Lodge deck. Great views, less wind and the option to go indoors if absolutely needed.

Alert 2: We will have the choice of riding the Chondola from the South Ridge Lodge on the six-passenger chairlift (7) or riding within the enclosed Gondola (7) to a short distance from the North Peak Lodge.

Alert 3: The North Peak Lodge will be open after the Sunrise service.

We will have the Reverend Don Coverdale and Music Director Cynthia Clark lead us in our unique service high in the mountains.

How to find the Easter Mountaintop Sunrise Service: from Bethel center, follow signs on Route 2/26 to Sunday River Ski Resort; follow resort signs up the hill to the South Ridge Lodge area; park near the South Ridge Lodge, then proceed slopeside through the tunnel between the Welcome Center and the Discovery Center. Turn left at the top of the stairs to find the bright red Chondola (chairs and gondola); then make your choice.

The Chondola opens at 6:30 a.m. Ski resort lift attendants will assist skiers/non-skiers

on/off the free chairlift/gondola to the mountaintop. Each person will receive a Single Ride Ticket for up/down ride. The chairlift/gondola ride is safe, but dress warmly since you will be outside for the service. It's a magical time for Easter photos — a ski Easter Parade.

A repeat feature will be available before boarding the

lift: a container for donated items for the Bethel Food Pantry will be at the base of Lift 7; the preferred and more flexible option is a financial donation.

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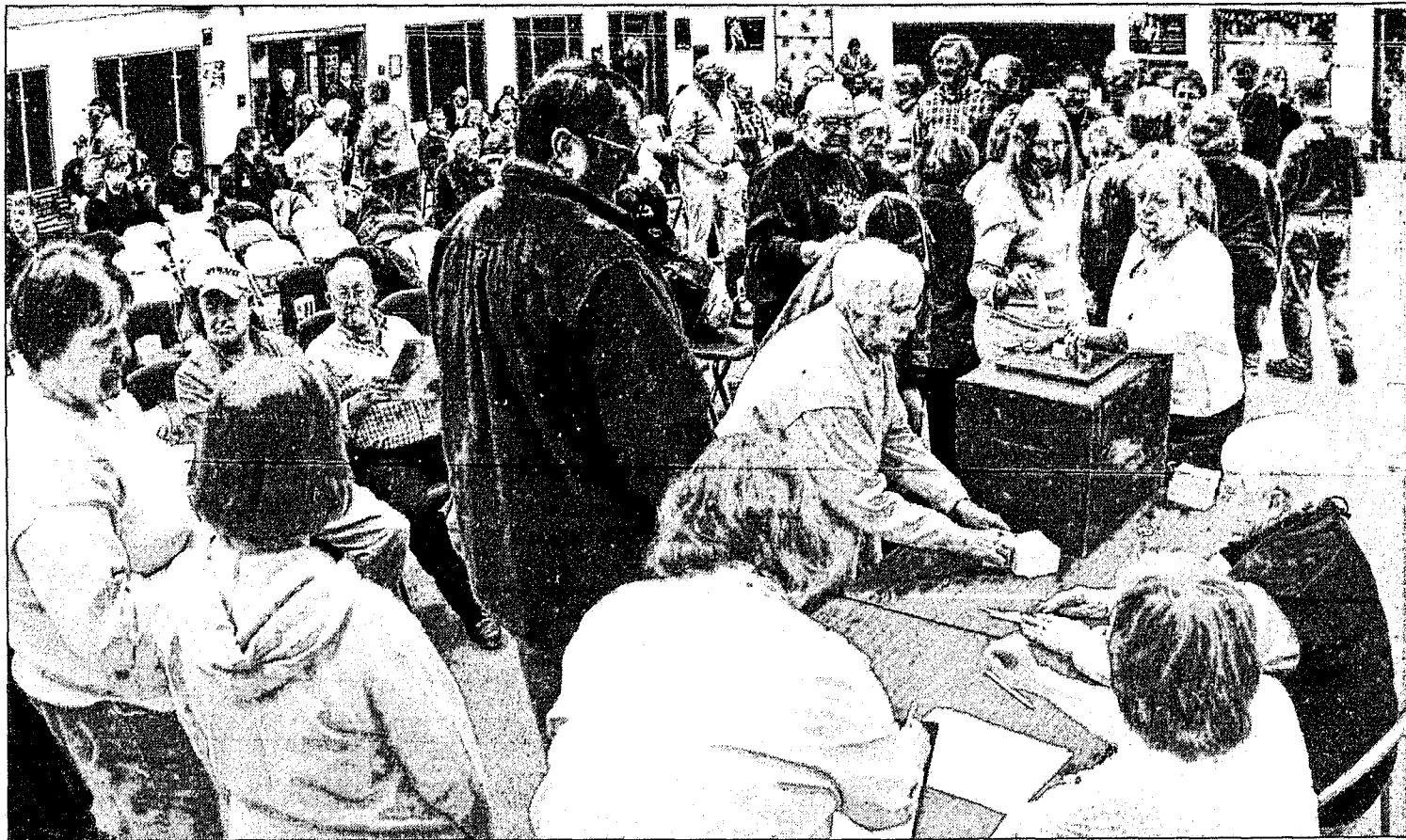
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WOODSTOCK TOWN MEETING

Clockwise, from top left: Michael Lowe comments on an article; voters cast a secret ballot; Tri-Town paramedic Jason Ross answers questions as PACE director Bob Hand listens; Jeff Prentice makes a point; Hank Forman describes his rationale for the town requiring a fee from people requesting town documents b□

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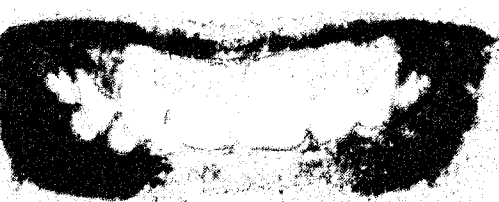
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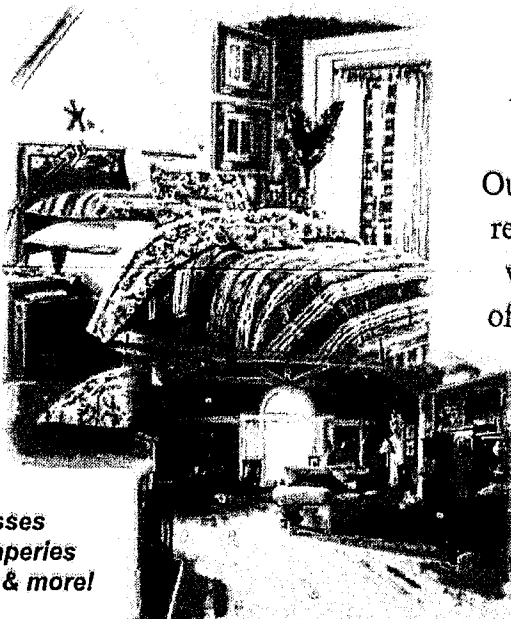
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The service starts when the last participant leaves the lift and Lift 7 is turned off. Non-skiers will download onto the lift for the return ride down to South Ridge Lodge base area, while skiers/riders may take one run down an open, intermediate or advanced beginner slope. Trail maps will be available at the top.

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From
Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

In connection with "Women's History Month," the Bethel Historical Society held a seminar on women and local history on Saturday, March 28, in the meeting room of the Dr. Moses Mason House with nearly 30 participants in attendance.

Society Executive Director Stanley P. Howe started the discussion off with a focus on four women, who wrote on some aspect of local history. Joan Kilborn (1879-1956) in her book, "Over the Horizon" (1950), discussed town characters in Bethel with a thinly disguised code identifying some of the central figures in the years between 1890 and 1900.

Next in his discussion was

Erma Thurston Young with her book, "Yesterday and Today" (1953), which focuses on her life growing up in Newry and spending a good part of her childhood living in logging camps, where once she had an ulcerated tooth pulled by a blacksmith without anything for pain.

This book was followed by turning to Eva Bean (1895-1969), founder of the Bethel Historical Society in 1966 and author of "East Bethel Road" (1959), a classic local history of the eastern part of Bethel, which served as a model for others.

Finally attention was focused on Ruth Crosby (1897-1981) and her books, "I Was A Summer Boarder" (1966) and "From an Old Leather Trunk" (1974), which contain remarkable insights into the local past, especially with Dr. Crosby's telling of the story of life at Miss Locke's in the early years of the 20th century.

The next presenter was Cathy Newell, who related the story of how she got interested in Molly Ockett and wrote the popular booklet on this remarkable figure in the Western Maine past. In addition to lots of references on the Internet, she also noted that since she did the booklet that the books and interest in this well-known friend of early settlers has grown expediently.

Kent Taylor was the final presenter with his discussion of Pearl Ashby Tibbetts (1884-1982), who grew up in Aroostook County and wrote a novel "Land Under Heaven" (1937) long after she had moved to Bethel that was set in her native county. According to Taylor, it is full of references to frontier life in that part of Maine settled long after much of the state had been founded. He related his personal memories of this well-known Bethel figure and how some of her qualities are reflected in her writing.

In summing up the session, Howe expressed the hope that participants emerged with a clearer idea how these women had influenced the history of



AMERICAN LEGION'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
Jackson-Silver American Legion Post 68 celebrated the American Legion's 90th birthday on March 19. Three of the four 50-year members were present to receive their certificates. Pictured from left to right: Wayne Hakala, Post 68 commander; Kendric Scribner, Irving Brown, Peter Rosenberg, and Ki Owens, the Dept. of Maine Service Officer. Linwood Newell Jr. will receive a certificate in the near future.

Bethel and the western Maine region. He also reminded those attending that another seminar will be offered on April 18 in commemoration of Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday in 2009.

This seminar will include a general introduction to his life and times, but the discussion will move to focus on his relationship with New England.

Not only was the 16th President's Vice President, Hannibal Hamlin from Maine and also born in 1809, but a number of his key advisors and close friends were New Englanders.

Moreover, the President's favorite humorist was a native of Waterford, Maine. Lincoln traveled to New England on a number of occasions and told humorous stories about New Englanders. Howe, who has been collecting books on U.S. Presidents for more than 35 years will share some of his Lincoln collection with seminar participants and also discuss his New England connections.

This seminar will also be open to anyone interested at a nominal fee of \$5 for society members and \$10 for nonmembers.

High school and university students may attend the seminars without charge. To register, please call the society at 824-2908 or (800) 824-2 910, or send an e-mail to info@bethelhistorical.org.

From
Bethel Library

In an effort to keep cost down and to maintain the same high standards it has in the past, the Bethel Library has instituted a new program. We are calling the program the Patron Book Club. The library has available at the front desk a list of books it would like to add to its ever-changing reading collection. If you would like to purchase a particular book from the list for a birthday gift, anniversary gift, remembrance for a special person in your life, or for a special little girl or boy, all you have to do is speak to a librarian and you will be assisted in ordering.

Once the book arrives a special bookplate will be placed on the inside cover dedicating the book to the person you purchased it for. You will also have the opportunity to be the first person to read the book. When you have finished the book it will go into the library's collection.

This club will boost the library's buying power and provide patrons with the most current reading material. Already this club is receiving wide support from the reading

community. Dr. Marvin Ouwinga purchased "The Hemingways of Monticello" by A. Gordon Reid as a birthday gift for his wife Tineke. The Ouwingas also purchased "Handle with Care" by Jody Picoult for Maria Lisbeth Ouwinga's birthday and "The Tourist" by Olen Stinhauer for Robrecht Jan Ouwinga's birthday.

Jean McGuire purchased two children's books: "Sally Gets a Job" and "Sally's Snow Adventure" by S. Hunuk in memory of Ginny Keniston.

Cathy Newell purchased "A Dark Place" by Jack Higgins, "Executive Dock" by Ann Perry and "Second Opinion" by Michael Palmer, all in memory of John Head.

Lucia and Eric Schwarz purchased "Cutting Stone" by Abraham Verghese for Jerry and Shireen Vincent's 50th anniversary.

Jim Lowe purchased Steve Berry's current book, "The Charlemagne Pursuit" and "What Came Before he Shot Her" by Elizabeth George.

For those who like a good read try the library's recent purchase by the authors Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child. But be prepared it's a book you can't put down. The Board of Directors of the library are now exploring the possibilities of a library website. This site will list current news about the book sale, plant sale, patron book club, quilt sale and offer reviews of books read by the reading committee. We plan to have a bi-monthly news update in The Citizen as soon as possible. The library also started a group recommendation and discussion club with goodreads. If you would like to join go to www.goodreads.com, become a member and then join the Bethel Library, Bethel, Maine, group.

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Wednesday: Make your own pasta bar, meatballs, breadsticks, pizza choices, BBQ rib/bun, chicken patty/bun.

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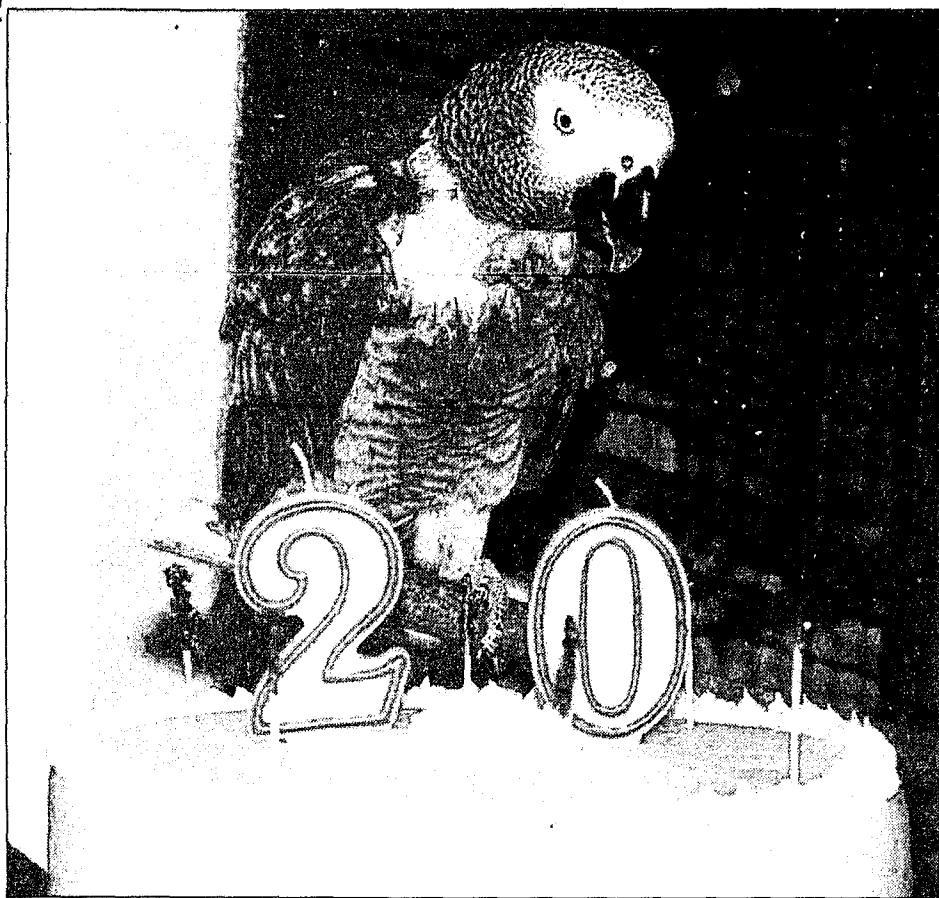
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Community Snapshots



On March 26, Mario, Joe and Lynn Arizis's African Gray Parrot, celebrated his 20th birthday. Twenty friends joined in the festivities. Ross Timberlake composed a song in Mario's honor, which all guests joined in singing. There were also a few cheers for him and lots of horn blowing as he blew out his candles. Everyone, especially Mario, enjoyed his favorite carrot cake with cream cheese icing. The parrot lived with the Arizis aboard their 42-foot sailboat from 1989 to 1998, traveling from Canada to Florida in some very rough Atlantic seas. He then accompanied them on a six-month trip from Florida to Alaska and back in a 22-foot RV. He often levitated in the RV, ending up on the floor and pigeon toeing forward to the cab. He is currently enjoying life in Bethel.



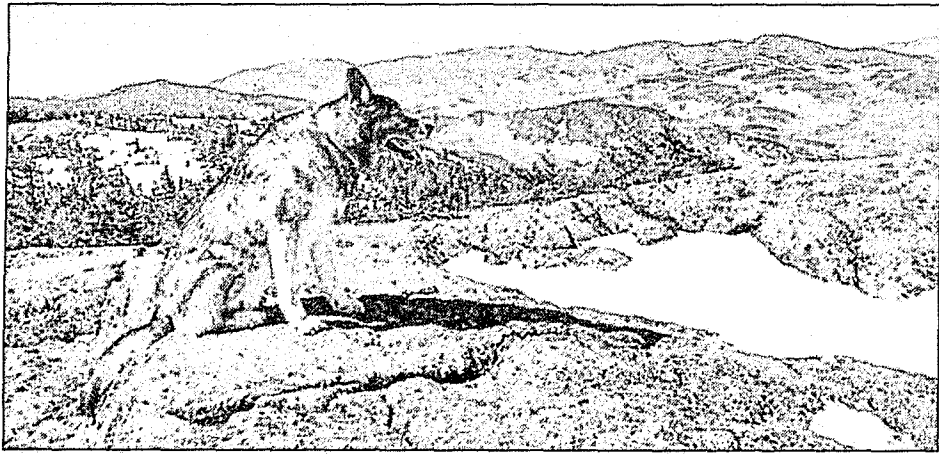
Cousins (and buddies) Adam Angevine and Rick Aguilar of Bethel.



Addison Wight pushes a shopping cart around Grammy and Grampy (George and Danna) Nickerson's house in Bethel.



Triplet sons of Lydia Mills. (Grandsons of Debra Mills of Bethel, great-grandsons of Pat and Richard Kimball of East Bethel).



Snuffy Grover of Mason Township returns to the summit of Caribou Mountain.

PLEASE SEND US YOUR PHOTOS

The Citizen is seeking photos for our monthly Community Snapshots Page. We plan to include as many as space permits, so please send your favorite shots along. The best way is by e-mail, to news@bethelcitizen.com (please put "Community snaps" in the subject line). You may also sent prints to The Bethel Citizen, P.O. Box 109, Bethel, 04219, or bring them to our office at 19 Main Street (behind the Bethel Town Office). Please include a brief description of the activities/persons pictured, as well as your name and telephone number in case of questions.

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Site Plan Review

Project Name: Mann's Welding and Trucking
Applicant: Eli Mann
Map & Lot: Map 24 Lot 58-1

Site Walk: Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at 5:00 PM at 7 Intervale Road
Public Hearing: Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at 6:45 PM in th Town Office

Site Plan Review

Project Name: BearHaven Crossing
Applicant: Paul R. Legault
Authorized Agent: Donald Murphy, Land Use Consultant
Location: Map 12, Lot 72-001-2

Site Walk: Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at 4:15 PM at 312-32. Mayville Road
Public Hearing: Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at 6:30 PM in th Town Office

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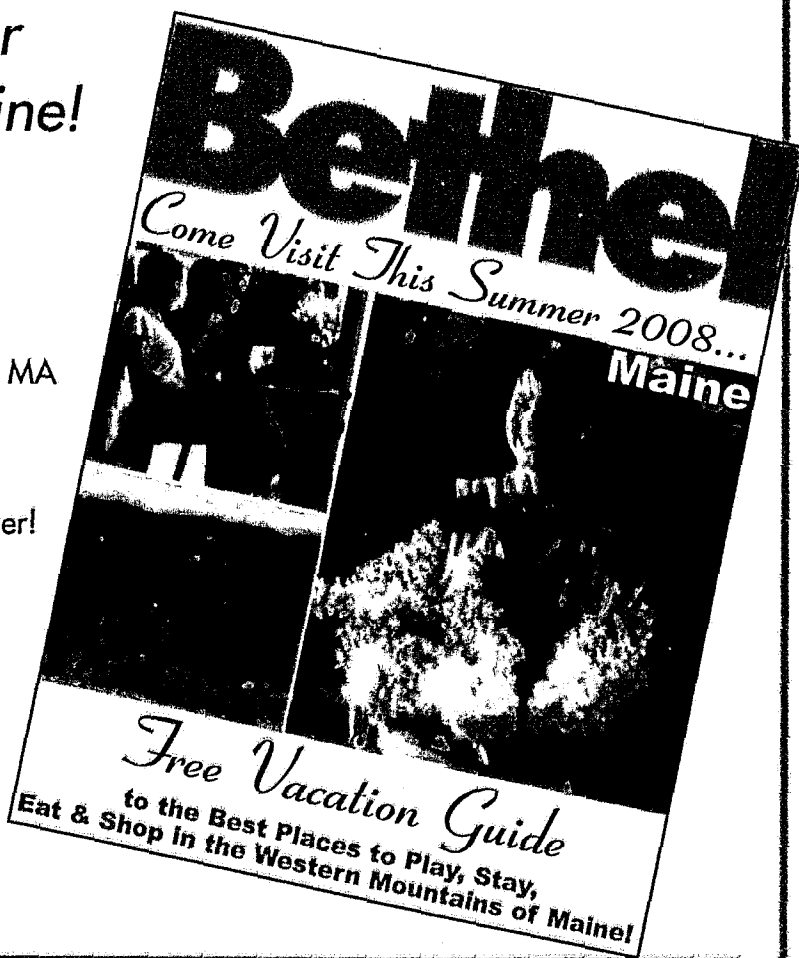
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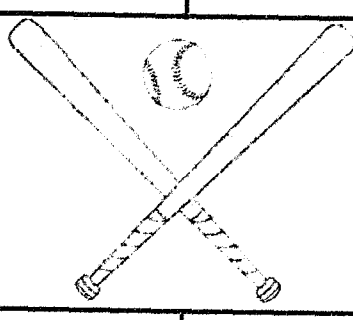
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5	6 3:30PM • SCRIMMAGE @ Sacopee Valley HS 5:30PM • SCRIMMAGE @ Sacopee Valley HS	7	8	9	10 4PM • SCRIMMAGE @ Poland Regional HS 4PM • SCRIMMAGE @ Poland Regional HS	11 1PM • SCRIMMAGE @ Fryeburg Academy 1PM • SCRIMMAGE @ Fryeburg Academy
12 3:30PM • SCRIMMAGE @ Sacopee Valley HS 5:30PM • SCRIMMAGE @ Sacopee Valley HS	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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10 3:45PM @ Mountain Valley HS 4:30PM vs. Georges Valley HS 4:30PM vs. Georges Valley HS	11	12	13 4:30PM @ Winthrop HS 4:30PM @ Winthrop HS	14 3:45PM vs. Lisbon HS 4PM vs. Dirigo HS 4:30PM vs. Winthrop HS	15 4:30PM vs. Livermore Falls HS 4:30PM vs. Livermore Falls HS	16 10AM @ Livermore Falls HS 10AM @ Livermore Falls HS
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24 31	25	26	27 4:30PM vs. Wiscasset HS 4:30PM vs. Wiscasset HS	28	29 1PM @ Lewiston HS (MVC's) 4:30PM @ Lisbon HS 4:30PM @ Lisbon HS	30 11AM vs. Lisbon HS 11AM vs. Lisbon HS

JUNE 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 4:30PM vs. Monmouth Academy 4:30PM vs. Monmouth Academy	2 4:30PM vs. Winthrop HS	3 4:30PM @ Monmouth Academy	4	5	6
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Events Calendar

9:15 a.m. (Fridays) - Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

6:30 p.m. Mondays - Hillsmen Barbershop Chorus rehearses at Catholic Church, Norway, New singers welcome. FMI: call Dr. Tere Porter 743-0656 evenings or Pat Fleck at 647-5005.

Every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. - **The Yet To be Named Banjo Club** practices in the Commons of the Fare Share Market at 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome to come and listen. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680.

First and Third Wednesdays 9 to 12 a.m. - **Veterans' Advocate** will be at Maine Veterans' Home, South Paris.

Wednesdays 6 to 7:30 p.m. - **People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction** may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: call Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (all calls confidential).

Wednesday nights - **TOPS**, take off pounds sensibly, meets at Bethel Alliance Church from 5:30 to 6 p.m. (weigh in) and meeting from 6 to 6:30 p.m. All welcome. FMI: call 824-3288.

Wednesdays 10 to 11 a.m. - **T'ai Chi** at Ellie's Express and 5 to 6 p.m. at Bethel Family Health Center. Taught by Betsey Foster, MPH. To register, contact Betsey at 875-2426 or BSF@megalink.net.

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m. - **Cross Country Quilters** of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. No dues, no rules, just fun. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Thursdays, 1:30 to 3 p.m. - **Cancer Wellness Support Group** support and education for cancer patients, survivors, caregivers at Rumford Hospital, Room 357 (2nd floor). Call (877) 336-7287 (toll free) to confirm during stormy weather.

Wall Hanging Quilt Raffle with all proceeds for Tyler Clough, a 9-year-old boy who has cancer. Tickets are \$3 for five or \$1 for one. To purchase tickets, call Jen Cross (cell 462-7840). Drawing will be May 29, 2009.

Thursday, April 2

11:30 a.m. - **Woodstock Senior Citizens** meeting/luncheon at Woodstock Fire Station. Program: Connie Tutlis will talk about her group of Senior Citizens.

4:30 to 6 p.m. - **"400 miles and 40,000 feet up by bike"** presentation by Dr. Rick Churchill at Down Home Maine meeting, West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Public invited. Admission free. Sponsored by WMSC. FMI: call P. Gartner at 665-2181 or S. Lyon at 836-2576.

April 2, 3, 4 and 5

Guys and Dolls performance by Drama Department of Lake Regional High School, Naples, will take place at 7 p.m. on April 2, 3 and 4 and 2 p.m. on April 5. Doors open one-half hour before show. FMI or to reserve tickets, call 693-6221 ext. 285.

Friday, April 3

6 to 8:30 p.m. - **Telstar Middle School Talent Show** at Helen Berry Auditorium. Admission: \$4, kids 10 and under and senior citizens \$3, family \$6. Proceeds benefit Telstar Middle School Visiting Artist Fund that helps bring fine arts professionals to TMS for workshops and performances.

7 p.m. - **Joyce Anderson**, singer, fiddler, songwriter at St. Kieran Community Arts Center, 255 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H.

It's always wise to call ahead

Listings in The Citizen's weekly Community Calendar are compiled from a wide variety of sources. While we do our utmost to ensure the reliability of the information presented here, we recognize that when dealing with such a large volume of material, some inaccuracies will occasionally creep in. And in other cases, a sponsoring organization's plans may change between the time The Citizen is printed and the event is held.

Accordingly, we strongly urge our readers to call ahead to verify the details of any event they plan to attend. Doing so will greatly reduce the chance of disap-

FMI: call (803) 752-1028 or e-mail info@stkieranarts.org or visit www.stkieranarts.org.

Friday and Saturday, April 3 and 4

7:30 p.m. - **At Oddfellow Theater**, Buckfield: Late Night Talk Show Spoof. Tickets: \$12 adults, \$10 seniors, \$6 for children 12 and under. For tickets call box office at 336-3306.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, April 3, 4, 5
22nd annual Parrothead Festival at Sunday River Ski Resort. FMI: call (800) 543-2SKI.

Saturday, April 4

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Women's Health Fair** at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, hosted in cooperation with The Maine Breast and Cervical Health Program. Free mammograms, breast/pelvic exams, Pap tests for uninsured/underinsured women 40-64 who fall below 250 percent of poverty line. Pre-registration required (800) 350-5180 x410. FMI: visit www.wm-hcc.org.

12:30 p.m. - **Basket Bingo** sponsored by Gilead Fire Department at American Legion Hall, Gore Road, Locke Mills. Doors open 11 a.m. Coverall games and raffles. Light lunch. FMI: call 836-2771.

Saturday and Sunday, April 4 and 5

Bust n' Burn, best and worst amateur bump skiers compete. Competition starts 9:30 a.m. April 4 with awards ceremony 5 p.m. at White cap Lodge. Competition begins Saturday at 10 a.m. FMI: call (800) 543-2SKI or visit www.sundayriver.com/EventsActivities/EventsCalendar/index.

Sunday, April 5

April Spring Ski Tour: Join Mt. Washington Nordic Club at Sawyer River Road (parking lot 9 a.m.) to Rob Brook, Bear Notch Loop, Bartlett, N.H. on packed trails (race skis OK). Check www.whitemountaintrailclub.com and download trail map. Bring plenty of food, water, clothes, space blanket, first aid supplies, map, etc. Don't ski alone! Preference may be to start on Kancamagus Highway access for some skiers. FMI: contact Doug Armstrong at djarmst@mvfairpoint.net or call Kirk Siegel at 824-3436.

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - **Wax Workshop in Encaustic painting** at Lajos Matolcsy Arts Center, 480 Main Street, Norway. Gourd painting, photo transfer, specialty waxes and mono-printing. Some knowledge preferred, but space available for beginners. Contact instructor. Workshop fee: \$75; materials fee: \$25. Space limited. FMI: contact Heather Westleigh at 592-5047 or info@phoenixnest.us.

2 p.m. - **Telstar Jamboree Concert**, benefit concert to raise money for Bryce Walker and Tyler Clough, SAD44 students suffering from cancer, will be performed by local musicians: Dave Rowe, Jewel Clark and Donnie Katlin, Rolly York, Ross Timberlake, Amy Green, Wendy Green, Telstar Middle School Faculty Band, Lazarus with Mike Prescott, Late for Assembly featuring Doug Alford and Jim McLaughlin, and Myth. Admission: \$10 adults and \$5 students and children under 10. FMI: call Kevin O'Reilly 824-2136 Ext. 501, or oreillyk@sadrr.org.

5 p.m. - **Bethel Outing Club** members and friends end-of-season potluck, annual meeting (6:15) and special narrated digital slideshow, "Down Mountain and Cross-Country: 140 Years of Skiing in Maine" by Scott Andrews (6:30) at Sunday River Inn and Cross Country Center. Open to all.

Monday, April 6

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **Socrates Café** gathering at Waterford Library. April meeting theme: "What Is Appropriate Technology?" FMI: 583-6967 or e-mail wla@waterford.lib.me.us.

Tuesday, April 7 and April 14

6 to 8 p.m. - **RPCAA Rumford Point Baseball Sign-ups**, Farm League, Little League and Babe Ruth.

Wednesday, April 8

11 a.m. - **Bethel Senior Citizens Club** meeting/luncheon (\$9) at American Legion Hall, Locke Mills. Menu: ham, mashed potato, peas, carrots, coleslaw, rolls. Entertainment: Banjo Band.

5:30 to 7 P.M. - **Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge** informational meeting/question and answer session, to update public on refuge plans for coming year, will be held at Errol Town Hall, Errol, N.H. Anyone interested in finding out about Refuge activities encouraged to attend.

6 p.m. - **Healthy Eating on a Budget** at Rooster's Roadhouse, sponsored by To Your Health Committee of Western Mountains Senior College, Bethel Family Health Center, SAD44/Community Education and Wayne DuPlessis, counselor. (See WMSC column for menu items.) Cost: \$10, plus tax and tip. Reserve by Monday, April 6 (824-0309). FMI: call R. Tiff (824-2053) or J. Whitman (624-0347).

6:30 p.m. - **Mac McHale and Emery Hutchins**, two old friends, will play and sing old-time traditional country music, songs of Ireland, the mountains and sea at Rumford Public Library. FMI: call 364-3661, e-mail creynolds@rumford.lib.me.us or visit www.rumford.lib.me.us.

Wednesday, April 8, 15, 29 and May 6

7 to 8:30 p.m. - **Bail Room Dance Class** (waltz, foxtrot, jitterbug, tango, rumba, two step) taught by Nancy Willard at Telstar High School (use Adult Ed. entrance). Cost: \$25. All proceeds to food pantry, Bethel District Exchange.

Thursday, April 9

2 p.m. - **Whitman Memorial Library**, Bryant Pond, guest speaker will be Nancy Dewing of Greenwood, who will talk about her recent trip to India. Open to public at no charge. Light refreshments served.

6:30 p.m. - **Maundy Thursday service** at Rumford Point Congregational Church by Pastor Sondra Withey.

Saturday, April 11

9 a.m. - **Easter Egg Hunt**, Andover, starting at Mills Market for ages pre-school through sixth grade.

7 p.m. - **Black Diamond Entertainment:** Girl Authority-Tween Pop Sensation, at Grand Summit Resort Hotel, Sunday River Ski Resort. Family friendly music sensation. Tickets: adults \$8 advance/\$8 door, children 12 and under \$4 advance/\$6 door, under 5 free. Advance tickets available at Sunday River Welcome Center, Grand Resort Hotels, Snow Cap Inn or call (800) 543-2KI.

7:30 p.m. - **At Oddfellow Theater**, Buckfield: Halfmoon Jug Band. Tickets: \$12 adults, \$10 seniors, \$6 for children 12 and under. For tickets call box office at 336-3306.

Sunday, April 12

Sunrise Service at Locke Mills Union Church, with Easter Breakfast following. Everyone welcome.

9 a.m. - **Joint Church Service** between Rumford Point Congregational Church and Locke Mills Union Church at Locke Mills for Easter service with Pastor Sondra Withey. Everyone welcome.

Monday and Tuesday, April 13 and 14

Auditions for "My Fair Lady" by Lake Region Community Theatre at Lake Region High School, Naples. Rehearsals Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Show dates June 25, 26, 27, 28.

Tuesday, April 14

5:30 to 9:30 p.m. - **Supper/Dance** at American Legion Hall, Locke Mills by American Legion Auxiliary with music by Richard Felt Band. Adults \$10 and children \$3.50.

5:30 p.m. - **Oxford County Republican Committee** meeting at American Legion Hall, Route 40, Buckfield. FMI: call Becky Kendall at 824-3196 or e-mail beckyk@megalink.net.

Support Services

ABUSED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5086; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

AA MEETINGS

Bethel Freedom Group's Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's 12 Step/Traditions Meeting, Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's Open Discussion Meeting, Fridays at 6pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street; and Saturdays at 4pm at Sunday River South Ridge Base Lodge, third-floor human resources conference room.

ADDICTION HELP

Narconon, a nonprofit public benefit organization that specializes in helping people with drug or alcohol addictions offers FREE assessments and more than 11,000 local referrals through the 800 line. Drug addiction can be overcome and Narconon can help. Call (800) 556-8885 or visit www.drugrehab.net.

EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4pm, Thursday 4-6pm and Saturday, 10am-12pm.

The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center offers assistance to individuals or families with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Sumner areas are invited to call 674-2566, 674-2663, or 665-2226 to learn more details.

MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 6pm; Tuesday 9am-2pm; Wednesday 9am-8pm; Wednesday 3-8pm; Friday 2-7pm; Saturday 11am-4pm. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

POST PARTUM SUPPORT GROUP

"Meet the Midwives" meets from 5-6:30 every first Tuesday of the month, and the Post Partum Support Group meets every fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30. The meetings take place at Blue Moon Midwives, 176 Main Street, Norway, directly across from Stephen's Memorial Hospital. For more information, call 207-739-2800 or visit www.bluemoonmidwives.com

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

VETERANS' SERVICES (STATE/VA BENEFITS)

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Career Center in Rumford (364-3718), second Thursday 9-12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 29 Westminster St., 7:30am to 4pm, Monday thru Friday, Location: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15pm. Tel. 392-4841.

Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9am; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the home of Fernand Coriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All are welcome. FMI: 332-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship Service 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday prayer meeting 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, S. Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church- Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor; Jim Rose, Youth Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. For more information, call 824-2289.

Church of the Nazarene - Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. morning worship. Wednesday evening service in different locations. Call for info. 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-7289 FMI.

West Parish Congregational - Rev. Virginia Rickeman, 10 a.m. worship, child care available. Prayer, Tuesday, 8 a.m. FMI call 824-0550.

Our Lady of the Snows - Saturday mass at 6 p.m., Rev. Angelo Levasseur. 364-4556.

United Methodist - Geoffrey Gross, Pastor. 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 836-3533 or 836-2882. Rev. John Williams.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Aaron McNally. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9am; Worship Service, 10am; Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30pm; Prayer meeting Tuesday 6pm; Awana clubs follow school-year calendar. FMI 836-3006 or 824-2037.

Episcopal House Church - Holy communion service the third or fourth Sunday of every month at 4 p.m. at 38 Chapman Street. For further information, call the Reverend Gwyneth Bohr at 824-2913.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Worship at 9 a.m. Sunday. 824-3577 FMI.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. For more info, call 824-8939.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Keazars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 3am, followed by Bible Study at 8:15am.

GORHAM, NH

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday School. 9:30 a.m., Sunday service

10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. FMI 603-468-2851.

Gorham Congregational Church - Interim minister Rev. Kent Schneider. Sunday morning worship and church school at 10:30am. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI 603-468-2136.

HARRISON

Bolster's Mills United Methodist Church - Bolster's Mills Road, Harrison. Rev. Walter R. Brown, Pastor. Sunday worship at 8:45 a.m., Church school 10:15 a.m. for kids kindergarten - grade 12. Call 583-9024 or 998-7040 for more info.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday morning service will begin at 9 a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

MEXICO

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - 265 Main Street. Worship Service Sundays at 10am. Pres. Peter Beckel. 364-5881.

NEWRY

Sunday River Christian Ministry - with Rev. Don Coverdale and gospel singer Cynthia Clark. On-mountain interdenominational worship service held every Sunday during ski season. ALERT: we are now located in the Juniper Room, Jordan Grand Hotel. New time: 10:00am-11:00am. Ski-in, or take the resort shuttle from South Ridge to Jordan. For more information: 824-5896 (recording).

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd./Rt. 118 (corner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 824-4099 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, S. Paris. Pastors Kim Marie and Tom Myhre. Sunday School at 9am; Sunday morning service 10:15 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Singers perform third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. Call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012 for more information.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 am worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake.

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Sunday Services 9 a.m., June-Aug.; Sunday School at 10 a.m. Informal worship at 5 p.m. Sundays. Healing service with communion 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Rev. Anne Stanley. Call 743-6782 for more information.

St. Catherine's: Saturday 6 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 6:30 a.m. Mass. Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11am worship, (Sept - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11am-12:15pm. FMI 743-2828.

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St. Mary's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass. Our Lady of Ransom: Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

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Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sondra Withey.

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East Sumner Congregational - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m.

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Unitarian Universalist Church of West Paris - 9 a.m. worship. Rev. Richard Beal. 674-2143.

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West Paris Congregational Church - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.; Sunday School 10 a.m.

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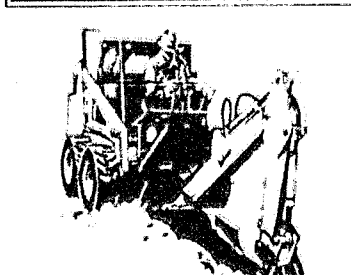
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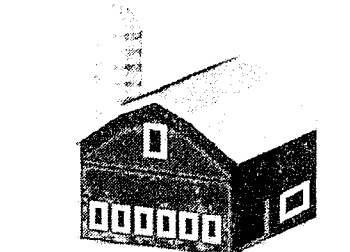
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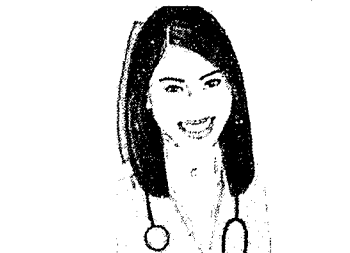
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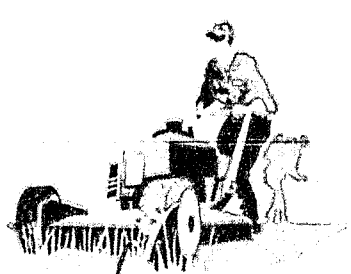
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The Anna Thurston Memorial Scholarship is for a student entering the teaching profession. This \$1,000 award is for a sophomore year of study.

Applications are due on May 1 for board considerations for awarding at the Andover Alumni Banquet the end of May.

The Charles Cutting Endowment application is a

form to be returned with a copy of your financial award letter from your college. Last year we awarded up to \$2,000 for each qualifying student. This application is due by July 1.

If you have not received your application papers, please call Linda Percival or Sharon Hutchins.

From
Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge Club

Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge Club met Friday in the Fare Share building, Main Street, Norway, A 3-table Howell movement was enjoyed.

Finishing first in flight A were Errol Libby and Les Buzzell with Beverly Pelletier and Jim Dickens second who were also first in flight B, finishing second in flight B were Priscilla Rooth and Hazel Glazier. Next Friday there will be another game same time and place, a partner is always guaranteed.

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From
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The theme for the April meeting is "What Is Appropriate Technology?" The moderator is Connie Allen.

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Dean's List

AT BABSON

The following students have been named to the fall semester dean's list at Babson College: Wei Lin, sophomore, of Bethel, and Fabian Maximilian Suessenguth, freshman, of Bethel.



HIS WISH CAME TRUE—Max Olive of Pompano Beach, Fla., visited the area last week on a Make-A-Wish Foundation trip. Max, 9, has medulloblastoma (cancer of the spine and brain). He is in remission. His wish was to see snow for the first time and go snowboarding. Max and his family stayed at Sunday River Ski Resort. Last Tuesday, he took a snowboarding lesson with instructor Chad Ramsdell of Bethel. Pictured are, front (from left): his aunt, Laura; brother, Noah; and Max. Back: Chad and Max's dad, Paul. Max was also scheduled for a trail groomer ride, tour of Sunday River snowmaking, a sleigh ride in Waterford and a snowmobile ride at Sun Valley sports.

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CASCADES	STUDIO	1	\$99,900
B-14	1 BR	1	SOLD
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N-217	1 BR	1	\$149,900
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327	2 BR	2	\$33,000
122 154	STUDIO + 1 BR	1	\$46,900
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151	1 BR	1	\$46,900
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Obituaries



LEROY H. LEARNED

Leroy H. Learned, 73, of Newry died at his residence on March 23, 2009.

He was born at Rumford Point on March 31, 1935 and was educated at Gould Academy.

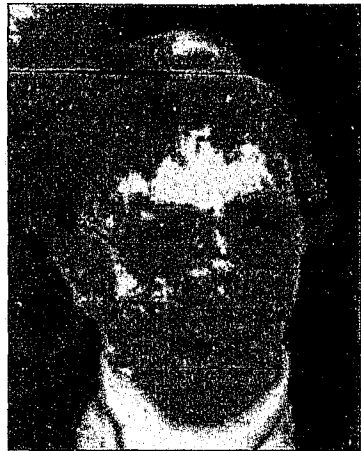
Leroy had worked for the Department of Transportation for many years retiring several years ago. He was an avid sportsman and loved NASCAR.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Bonnie (Gatchell) Learned of Newry; one son, John H. Learned of Rochester, N.H.; one daughter, Vikki Gurney of Raeford, N.C.; two grandchildren, Chad Thomas of Portland and Demarie Bateman of Raeford, N.C.; one great-grandson, Ian Bateman of Raeford, N.C. And his beloved Schitzu dogs, Peek-A-Boo, I-See-You and Holly Two.

Memorial services were held at the Bethel Church

of the Nazarene on Friday, March 27 at 2 p.m. with Pastor Charles (Chuck) Mason officiating.

Memorials in Leroy's memory are requested to the Second Chance Program/Bethel Animal Hospital, 179 Walkers Mills Road, Bethel, ME 04217. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.andrewsgreenleaf.com.



BERTHA CROSS FOSTER

Bertha Cross Foster died peacefully at her home in Bethel on March 25, 2009. She was 94 years old.

She was born Bertha Pearl Cross to Charles and Pearl Forrestal Cross. The Cross family was one of the early settlers of Bethel. The Forrestals were from Colebrook, N.H. Bertha's mother died when Bertha was two years old. Her father thought he could raise her two brothers, Dennis and Albert, but felt his daughter needed a woman's influence. He asked

his sister, Lulu Cross Eames (Bethel), to raise Bertha. Lulu was delighted as she did not have a daughter and wanted one very much. Bertha grew up on Paradise Hill on the family farm without central heat or indoor plumbing.

Her father, a blacksmith and logger in Bethel, was a very active person in her life. She would tell stories of his taking her to Colebrook, N.H., through Dixville Notch in his Model-T. The roads were dirt and there were no guardrails. Her father would ask Bertha to stand in the seat and look out the back window. Her duty was to tell him when any other car was getting close. If a car was closing in, he would speed up as he wanted to be ahead of all others. Since the roads were scary, Bertha said she often would not tell him about cars getting close.

She graduated from Gould Academy and, like many of her classmates, wanted to experience more of the world than Bethel held. Along with five other women who graduated in her class, Bertha traveled up and down the East Coast for eight years. They would wait tables at resorts in the South during the winter and then return North as the warm weather came to wait tables. Occasionally they would work at the Bethel Inn in the summer, but more often than not, they went to other locations — The Poconos, The

Catskills, other resort areas — to experience those areas.

They lived this life for a number of years. Slowly but surely each of the women met and married men, and the group disbanded. Bertha met her husband-to-be Borden Foster in Portland, Maine, and they married in 1942. Borden was a career military man, and they traveled extensively for many years until his retirement. He retired several times from the military (he was recalled to teach specialized training several times). Each time he retired, they returned to Bethel to live. Frequently Bertha would return to work at the Bethel Inn when they returned. When he retired permanently, they returned to Bethel to live in 1971. Borden died in 1990.

Bertha lived independently, continuing to drive, until her death. She was an avid reader and her trip to the Bethel Library was a weekly occurrence. For many years she was an avid gardener. When the work of maintaining a garden became too taxing, she had small container gardens on her porch.

Animals were always a part of her life — she had small dogs much of her life and many people remember her walking her pug daily. She walked all her life for enjoyment. She had her beloved cat, Susie, as her companion at the time of her death.

She is survived by her daughter, Betsey of Greenwood; her much-adored granddaughter, Mercedes Foster-Dougherty of Windham; a niece, Shirley De-George of Middletown, N.Y.; a nephew, Larry Cross of North Conway, N.H.; and a number of cousins in Randolph and Gorham, N.H. She was predeceased by her husband and her two brothers, Albert and Dennis Cross.

As Bertha had requested, there will be no funeral. There will be prayers said at her graveside. She will be buried at Riverside Cemetery in Bethel, and the service will be Saturday, April 25, at 11 a.m.

To recognize her love of animals, in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Second Chance Program/Bethel Animal Hospital, 179 Walkers Mills Road, Bethel, ME 04217. This program finds good homes for homeless kittens and cats. Bertha made a wonderful home to many animals over her life.

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Births

Bobbiejean Merrill Lamontagne and Christopher Dougherty of Bethel are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Demetri James Dougherty, born on March 16, 2009 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

Maternal grandparents are David and Judy Pratt of Bethel and James Merrill of Albany.

Paternal grandparents are Michael and Debra Dougherty of Germantown, N.Y.

Brigid Whitney-Gallagher of Norway and Edward Lachowicz of Augusta announce the arrival of a son, Rowan Edward Thomas Gallagher, born on March 18, 2009 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 pounds, 11 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Tom and Elizabeth Gallagher of Woodstock.

Paternal grandfather is Leo Lachowicz of Augusta.

Michael T. Rainey and Lisa A. Boutilier of West Paris announce the arrival of a baby boy, Evan Richard Rainey-Boutilier, born on March 18, 2009 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 5 pounds, 15 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Terry F. Boutilier of Bethel and Ronald C. Boutilier of West Paris.

Paternal grandparents are Edgar Rainey (deceased) and Susan McIsaac of Old Orchard Beach.

Evan Richard is joined by sisters Rachel Rainey, age 13, and Frances Boutilier, age 5, and brothers Ross Rainey, age 17, Nathan Rainey, age 17, and Kurtis Boutilier, age 7.

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ROBERT C. BROWN

Robert C. Brown, 70, of Albany died Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at his home.

He was born in Hanover on July 5, 1938 the son of Roger and Ruth Merrill Brown.

He had been employed at Newton-Tebbetts in West Bethel. He lived with his sister, Nellie Hatstat and her husband Everett for 43 years. He worked in the woods with Everett.

He collected pennies, hats, key chains, bottles and cans. He loved going to the races and going for rides. He made friends with anyone and he loved his cat.

He is survived by two sisters, Carol Adams of New Hampshire and Bertha Dugay of Lewiston; four brothers, Chester Brown of West Paris, Harold Brown, Teddy Brown and Roger Brown all of Mexico; a brother-in-law, Everett Hatstat of Albany; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; two sisters, Nellie Hatstat and Arlene Perkins; and two brothers, Rodney Brown and Roy Brown.

Memorial services will be held on Sunday, April 5, at 2 p.m. at Weston-Chandler Funeral Home, 45 Main Street, South Paris.

Interment will be later in the spring at Hunt's Corner Cemetery. Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.weston-chandler.com.

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